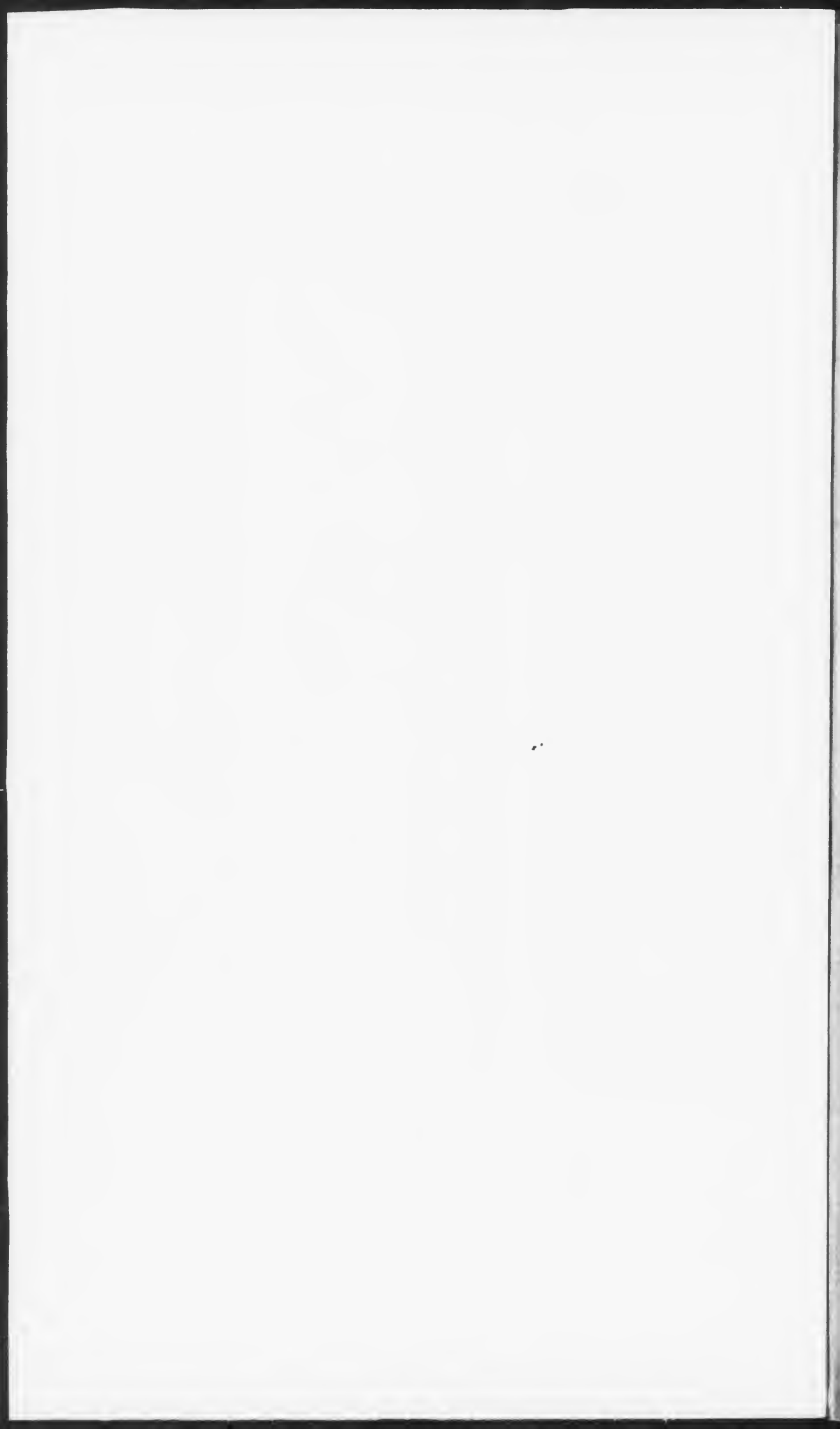




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15. J. L. Elderdice, B. P. Truitt, W. C. Coulbourn.
16. OBITUARIES—J. J. Murray, Jesse Shreeve, W. M. Strayer and B. F. Benson are Chairmen of the several Committees.
17. SABBATH OBSERVANCE—W. R. Graham, B. W. Kindley, J. A. Wright, T. H. Bartlett, T. N. Smith, A. P. Ellis.
18. CREDENTIALS—R. S. Rowe, G. W. Taylor, S. M. Anderson.
19. GENERAL HOME MISSIONS—W. J. Floyd, F. H. Mullineaux, R. K. Lewis, A. R. Horsey, E. B. Walls.
20. CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK—S. J. Smith, F. T. Benson, Dorsey Blake, B. T. Truitt, C. L. Dodd, J. D. Grant.
21. PUBLICATION OF MINUTES—The Secretary of the Conference.

#### Special Committees.

CECIL CIRCUIT CONTESTED DELEGATE CASE—H. C. Cushing, F. T. Tagg, J. M. Sheridan, Chas. Billingslea, W. C. Coulbourn, J. W. Brooks.

# DEAD ROLL.

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"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day." 2 Tim. iv. 7, 8.

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1. CHARLES RIGBY. Born in Talbot county, Md., 1782; died in Kent county, Md., August 12, 1830. Appointments: 1829-30, Missionary for the Eastern Shore.

2. JOSEPH SCULL. Born 1785; died at Easton, Md., Dec. 22, 1830. Appointments: 1829-30, Missionary for the Eastern Shore.

3. WASHINGTON HAMILTON HAYS. Died April, 1831. Appointment: 1830, Anne Arundel (A.)

4. WILLIAM BAMBER. Died March 30, 1832. Appointment: 1831, Eastern Shore.

5. CHARLES WESLEY JACOBS. Born at Alexandria, Va., Oct. 28, 1812; died at Easton, Md., July 20, 1833. Appointments: 1829-30, Eastern Shore (A.); 1831, Deer Creek (A.); 1832, Pipe Creek (A.); 1833, Talbot.

6. JAMES HANSON. Died August 19, 1834. Appointments: 1829, Mt. Olivet (A.); 1830, Pipe Creek (A.); 1831, Reisterstown; 1832, Anne Arundel; 1833, Kent; 1834, no appointment at his request.

7. WILLIAM KESLEY. Died Sept. 23, 1841. Appointments: 1830, Deer Creek; 1831, Anne Arundel; 1832, Reisterstown; 1833, Tabernacle; 1834, Reisterstown; 1835, Mt. Olivet; 1836, Queen Anne's; 1837, Agent of Book Concern; 1838, Prince William; 1839-40, Kent; 1841, Buttonwood, Phila.

8. ISAAC WEBSTER CLIPPINGER. Died at Cumberland, Md., May 25, 1842. Appointment: 1842, Cumberland (A.)

9. SAMUEL L. RAWLEIGH. Died Nov. 23, 1843. Appointments: 1834-35, Queen Anne's; 1836-8, Kent; 1839, Buttonwood, Phila.; 1840-1, Queen Anne's; 1842, Cecil; 1843, Pipe Creek (A.)

10. DANIEL DAVIES, M. D. Died Feb. 16, 1844. Appointments: 1833, Mt. Olive; 1834, Anne Arundel; 1835, Queen Anne's (A.); 1836, no appointment at his request; 1837, Editor METHODIST PROTESTANT; 1838, Charleston, S. C.; 1839, Anne Arundel; 1840, with the President; 1841, First Church, Phila. (A.); 1842-3, superannuated.

11. WILLIAM W. MADDUX. Died July 9, 1844. Appointments: 1838, Caroline; 1839, Northampton; 1840, New Leeds; 1841, Cecil; 1842, Dorchester; 1843-4, Deer Creek.

12. WILLIAM W. BALL. Died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Oct. 5, 1844. Appointments: 1842, Alexandria; 1843-4, Harper's Ferry.

13. WILLIAM H. BORDLEY. Born at Centreville, Md.; died at Charleston, S. C., Oct. 9, 1846. A. B., Washington College, 1822. Appointments: 1843, Queen Anne's (A.); 1844, Kent; 1845, E. Baltimore.

14. SAMUEL D. NORWOOD. Born in Anne Arundel county, Md., March 1, 1820; died in Newcastle county, Del., Oct. 22, 1847. Appointments: 1844, Anne Arundel (A.); 1845, Smyrna; 1846, no appointment at his request; 1847, Deer Creek (A.)

15. ISAAC WEBSTER. Born in Harford county, Md., 1787; died in Westminster, Md., February 4, 1851. Appointments: 1829-30, Reisterstown; 1831, Deer Creek; 1832-3, Pipe Creek; 1834-5, Williamsport; 1836-8, President; 1839, Queen Anne's; 1840, St. John's; 1841-3, Kent; 1844, Brickmaker's; 1845, no appointment at his request; 1846, Baltimore; 1847-8, Howard; 1849-50, superannuated Representative to General Conference, 1830, 1846.

16. LEVI ROGERS REESE. Born February 8, 1806; died at Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 18, 1851. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore, Md. Appointments: 1832-3, Alexandria; 1834-5, St. John's; 1836-7, Washington; 1838, Conference Missionary; 1839, Alexandria; 1840-1, Georgetown, D. C.; 1842, Pipe Creek; 1843-4, President; 1845-6, West Baltimore; 1847-8, Ninth-Street; 1849, Cambridge; 1850-1, Bethlehem, Philadelphia. Secretary of Annual Conference 1833. Representative to General Conference 1846, 1850, and President. Chaplain to U. S. House of Representatives, 1836-7.

17. FREDERICK STIER. Born 1783; died at Fremont, O., October 15, 1851. Appointments: 1830-1, Pipe Creek; 1832, Georgetown, D. C.; 1833, East Baltimore; 1834, unstationed; 1839, Conference Missionary; 1840, Williamsport, Md.; 1841-2, Conference Missionary; 1843-5, no appointment at his request; 1846, Conference Missionary; 1847-50, no appointment at his request; 1851, Conference Missionary; Representative to General Conference, 1842. Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions, 1850.

18. RICHARD ADKINSON. Born 1817; died at Easton, Md., March 9, 1851. Interred at Easton, Md. Appointments: 1841, Cecil (A.); 1842, Cumberland; 1843, Sussex; 1844, no appointment at his request; 1845, Alleghany; 1846-7, Jefferson; 1848-9, Sussex; 1850, Talbot; 1851, Caroline.

19. LEVIN A. COLLINS. Born 1814; died at Laurel, Del., June 17, 1853. Interred at Laurel, Del. Appointments: 1837, Deer Creek (A.); 1838, Kent (A.); 1839-40, Sussex; 1841-2, Snow Hill; 1843-4, Cambridge; 1845-6, no appointment at his request; 1847, Caroline; 1848, no appointment at his request; 1849, superannuated.

20. JOHN SMITH REESE, M. D. Washington University, Baltimore, Md. Born April 7, 1790; died near Baltimore, Md., February 14, 1855. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1829, Eastern Shore; 1830-1, Alexandria; 1832, Eastern Shore; 1833-5, President; 1836-7, Pipe Creek; 1838, Williamsport; 1839-40, President; 1841, Pipe Creek; 1842, Georgetown; 1843, Pipe Creek; 1844, Howard; 1845-6, Alexandria; 1847, no appointment at his request; 1848-9, East Baltimore; 1850-1, no appointment at his request; 1852-4, President. Representative to General Conference, 1830, 1834, 1842, 1846, 1854.

21. FRANCIS GEORGE WRIGHT. Born at Uniontown, Md., July 15, 1823; died at Salisbury, Md., February 23, 1859. Interred at Uniontown, Md. Appointments: 1849, Baltimore (A.); 1850-1, Carlisle; 1852, unstationed; 1858, Union.

22. NEVELL STEELE GREENAWAY. Born in England, May 7, 1824; died at Alexandria, Va., May 2, 1861. Interred at Alexandria, Va. Appointments: 1852-3, Snow Hill; 1854, Williamsport (A.); 1855, Williamsport; 1856, Pipe Creek (A.); 1857, Philadelphia; 1858, Baltimore (A.); 1859, Alexandria; 1860, superannuated.

23. WILLIAM TURBERT WRIGHT. Born in Queen Anne's county, Md., May 18, 1808; died at Lisbon, Md., May 8, 1862. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1845, Snow Hill; 1846-7, Sussex; 1848-9, Kent; 1850-1, East Baltimore; 1852-3, Charles-ton, S. C.; 1854-5, Caroline; 1856-7, Talbot; 1858-60, Frederiek; 1861-2, Howard.

24. WASHINGTON ROBY. Born in Montgomery county, Md., October 14, 1816; died at Washington, D. C., July 31, 1862. Appointments: 1839, Harper's Ferry; 1840, Williamsport (A.); 1841, Talbot; 1842, Harper's Ferry; 1843-4, Alexandria; 1845-7, Kent; 1848-9, Pipe Creek (A.); 1850-1, Deer Creek; 1852, Queen Anne's; 1853-5, Talbot; 1856-7, East Baltimore; 1858-9, President; 1860, Georgetown; 1862, Ninth-Street. Representative to General Conference, 1854, 1862.

25. THOROUGHGOOD C. EWELL. Born June 16, 1832; died at Federalsburg, Md., November 21, 1862. Appointments: 1856, New Market (A.); 1857, Trough Creek; 1858-9, Dorchester; 1860-1, Sussex; 1862, superannuated.

26. JOSIAH VARDEN. Born at Washington, D. C., July 25, 1806; died at Libertytown, Md., January 16, 1863. Interred at West Baltimore Cemetery. Appointments: 1831, Eastern Shore (A.); 1832, Mt. Olive; 1833, Williamsport (A.); 1834, Pipe Creek; 1835, Tabernacle; 1836, Georgetown; 1837, Alexandria; 1838, Westminster; 1839, Talbot; 1840-1, East Baltimore; 1842, St. John's; 1843-4, West Baltimore; 1845-6, Georgetown; 1847, West Baltimore; 1848-9, President; 1850-2, Sixth-Street, Cincinnati; 1853, superannuated. Representative to General Conference, 1846, 1850, 1854, 1858.

27. GEORGE D. HAMILTON. Born August 28, 1798; died at Baltimore, Md., April 5,

1864. Buried at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1831, Shippensburg; 1832, Deer Creek (A.); 1833, Snow Hill; 1834-6, Dorchester; 1837-8, Queen Anne's; 1839, Pipe Creek (A.); 1840, Pipe Creek; 1841-2, Sussex; 1843, Snow Hill; 1844-5, Baltimore; 1846-7, New Market; 1848-50, Caroline; 1851-2, Cambridge; 1853, Williamsport; 1854-8, superannuated; 1859, Clearfield; 1860-2, Union, Pa.; 1863-4, superannuated.

28. REUBEN TYLER BOYD. Born at Rockville, Md., July 3, 1794; died at Clarksburg, Md., February 21, 1865. Appointments: 1833, Shippensburg; 1834, Prince William; 1835, New Market; 1836-7, Snow Hill; 1838, Dorchester; 1839, New Leeds; 1840, transferred; 1849, Trough Creek; 1850-1, Alleghany; 1852-3, Caroline; 1854, Anne Arundel; 1855, Dorchester; 1856, superannuated; 1857, Warwick; 1858, Accomac; 1859-64, superannuated.

29. THOMAS HART BENTON AUSTIN. Born at Baltimore, Md., 1842; died at Baltimore, June 26, 1865. Appointments: 1863, Union (A.); 1864, Kent (A.); 1865, Howard (A.)

30. JAMES FRANCIS WHITESIDE. Born at Triadelphia, Md., July 1, 1828; died June 20, 1866. Interred at Stewartstown, Pa. Appointments: 1850, Baltimore (A.); 1851, New Market (A.); 1852, Union (A.); 1853-4, Trough Creek; 1855-7, Alleghany; 1858-60, Cecil; 1861, Baltimore; 1862-3, West Baltimore Circuit; 1864-6, New Market.

31. ELI HENKLE. Born in Pendleton county, Va., April 15, 1787; died in Baltimore county, Md., August 24, 1867. Appointments: 1829, Deer Creek; 1830-2, President; 1833, St. John's; 1834, superannuated; 1835, supernumerary; 1836-7, Anne Arundel; 1838-9, Pipe Creek; 1840, Baltimore; 1841-2, supernumerary; 1843, Westminster; 1844, Conference Missionary; 1845-7, President; 1848-50, Baltimore; 1851-67, superannuated. Representative to General Conference, 1830, 1834, 1846.

32. FRANCIS WATERS. A. B. Pennsylvania University; D. D. Washington College. 1822. Born in Somerset county, Md., Jan. 16, 1792; died at Baltimore, Md., April 23, 1868. Appointments: 1833, Franklin; 1839, supernumerary; 1840, unstationed; 1841-6, supernumerary; 1847, Central Baltimore; 1848-50, Franklin; 1851-67, supernumerary. Author of the name: "Methodist Protestant Church." Representative to General Conference 1830; President 1842, 1846, 1862, 1866.

33. THOMAS H. BURGESS. Born February 12, 1828; died July 11, 1868. Appointments: 1861, Harmony; 1862, no appointment at his request; 1863, unstationed; 1867, Millsborough; 1868, Snow Hill.

34. THOMAS MAHLON WILSON. Born at Hagerstown, Md., March 1, 1814; died at Libertytown, Md., February 1, 1870. Interred at Central Chapel, Frederick county, Md. Appointments: 1842, Trough Creek (A.); 1843, supernumerary; 1844-5, Concord; 1846-8, Queen Anne's; 1849-50, Alexandria; 1851-2, Union; 1853-4, Pipe Creek; 1855-7, Frederick; 1858-69, superannuated.

35. LUTHER J. COX. Born in Queen Anne's county, Md., December 27, 1791; died July 26, 1870. 1869, elected to honorary membership. Representative (lay) to General Conference, 1838, 1866.

36. CHRISTIAN EVERSOLE. Born in Berkeley county, W. Va., May 6, 1820; died at Baltimore, Md., December 12, 1870. Interred at Little Georgetown, W. Va. Appointments: 1852, Alleghany (A.); 1853, Baltimore (A.); 1854, Deer Creek (A.); 1855, Kent (A.); 1856, Frederick (A.); 1857, Newtown (A.); 1858-9, Cambridge; 1860-2, Concord; 1863-4, Bedford; 1865, Williamsport; 1866-70, superannuated.

37. DANIEL BOWERS. Born in Frederick county, Md., March 16, 1832; died at Baltimore, Md., March 19, 1871. Interred at Chestertown, Md. Appointments: 1854, Kent (A.); 1855, Queen Anne's (A.); 1856-7, Cumberland; 1858, Talbot (A.); 1859-60, Philadelphia; 1861-3, Newtown; 1864-5, Georgetown; 1866-9, East Baltimore; 1870, Chatsworth. Secretary of Annual Conference, 1863. Alternate attending General Conference, 1867. On Editorial Committee of METHODIST PROTESTANT, 1866-9.

38. JOHN MORGAN. Born in Alexandria, Va., April 15, 1811; died at Montgomery, Ala., June 17, 1871. Appointments: 1844, Williamsport (A.); 1845-6, Williamsport; 1847, Pipe Creek; 1849-50, Howard; 1851-2, Talbot; 1853-4, Union; 1855-6, Snow Hill; 1857, superannuated. Secretary of Annual Conference, 1852-4.

39. HENRY HAYGHE. Born at Baltimore, Md., January 5, 1844; died at Kennedy-

ville, Md., December 17, 1871. Appointments: 1869, Howard (A.); 1870, Baltimore (A.); 1871, Kennedyville.

40. JOHN ELDERDICE. Born in Frederick county, Md., July 14, 1814; died at Baltimore, Md., July 9, 1874. 1838, Cumberland; 1839, Baltimore; 1840-1, Anne Arundel (A.); 1842, Pipe Creek (A.); 1843-5, New Market; 1846, Carlisle; 1847-9, Deer Creek; 1850-1, Williamsport; 1852-3, Anne Arundel; 1854-6, Cecil; 1857-9, New Market; 1860, West Baltimore Circuit; 1861-2, Caroline; 1863-4, Cecil; 1865-6, Bedford; 1867-8, Cambridge; 1869, no appointment at his request; 1870-4, superannuated. Author of "Uncle Toby" letters to METHODIST PROTESTANT.

41. JOHN ROBERTS. Born May 3, 1818; died at Baltimore, Md., Sept. 20, 1875. Interred at Oak Grove Cemetery, Howard county, Md. 1843, Cambridge (A.); 1844, Alleghany (A.); 1845, Accomac (A.); 1846, Snow Hill; 1847-8, Harper's Ferry; 1849-50, Howard (A.); 1851, Pipe Creek (A.); 1852-3, Bethlehem; 1854-5, Kent; 1856, Williamsport; 1857-8, Alexandria; 1859, South Baltimore; 1860-2, Queen Anne's; 1863-4, Talbot; 1865-7, Frederick; 1868-70, Howard; 1871-3, Belair; 1874-5, Liberty. Secretary of Annual Conference 1850. Representative to General Conference 1866, 1867, 1870.

42. AMON RICHARDS. Born Oct. 31, 1787; died July 12, 1876. 1870, elected to honorary membership.

43. ABRAHAM S. EVERSOLE, M. D. Born in Berkeley county, Va., July 10, 1813; died at Seaford, Del., Feb. 3, 1877. 1839, Trough Creek; 1840, Caroline; 1841, Snow Hill (A.); 1842, Somerset; 1843, Lewes; 1844-5, Kent (A.); 1846, Prince William; 1847, transferred; 1851-2, Dorchester; 1853-4, Newtown; 1855-7, Union; 1858, Alleghany; 1859-60, Baltimore; 1861, Frederick (A.); 1862-3, New Market; 1864, Sussex; 1865, Caroline; 1866-7, Worcester; 1868, Delaware; 1869-71, Cecil; 1872, Peach Bottom; 1873, Seaford (A.); 1874-6, superannuated.

44. DANIEL EVANS REESE. D. D. Western Maryland College, 1868. Born at Baltimore, Md., Feb. 17, 1810; died at St. Michael's, Md., April 23, 1877. 1830, Deer Creek (A.); 1831, Mount Olive; 1832, Eastern Shore (A.); 1833, Prince William; 1834, Tabernacle; 1835-6, Deer Creek; 1837, Harper's Ferry; 1838, Anne Arundel; 1839-41, unstationed; 1842-3, East Baltimore; 1844, Georgetown; 1845-6, Deer Creek; 1847-8, Cambridge; 1849-50, Pipe Creek; 1851-2, Alexandria; 1853-4, Ninth-Street; 1855, Salem, Phila.; 1856-7, Charleston, S. C.; 1858-9, West Baltimore; 1860-1, Pipe Creek; 1862-3, Georgetown; 1864-5, Jefferson; 1866-7, Ninth-Street; 1868-70, Talbot; 1871-3, President; 1874, East Baltimore; 1875, superannuated. Secretary of Annual Conference 1835. Representative to General Conference, 1862. Secretary 1867, 1870.

45. SAMUEL GUEST VALIANT. Born in Talbot county, Md., Dec. 21, 1852; died there July 11, 1877. 1870-1, Kent (A.); 1872, no appointment at his request; 1873, Alexandria; 1874, no appointment at his request; 1875-6, Laurel; 1877, superannuated.

46. WILLIAM C. AMES, D. D. S. Born in Clearfield county, Pa., 1839; died at Burrs-ville, Md., March 10, 1878. Interred at Burrsville, Md. 1869, Jefferson (A.); 1870-1, Potomac; 1872-3, Concord; 1874-6, Whaleyville; 1877, Caroline.

47. JOHN EDGAR READ. Born at Lauraville, Md., August 25, 1846; died at Oxford, Md., July 28, 1878. 1865, Queen Anne's (A.); 1866, Belair (A.); 1867, Jefferson (A.); 1868, Talbot (A.); 1869-71, Lexington-St.; 1872, Talbot (A.); 1873-6, Talbot; 1877-8, Easton.

48. THOMAS M. BRYAN. Born in Cecil county, Md., Feb. 1, 1818; died at St. Michael's, Md., May 11, 1879. 1846, Smyrna; 1847, Potomac; 1848, Clearfield; 1849, no appointment at his request; 1850, Accomac; 1851-2, Newtown; 1853-4, Dorchester; 1855-6, superannuated; 1857-8, Sussex; 1859-60, no appointment at his request; 1861-3, superannuated; 1864-5, West Baltimore Circuit; 1866, superannuated.

49. WILLIAM CORRIE LIPSCOMB. Born in King William's county, Va., Sept. 13, 1792; died at Washington, D. C., Dec. 2, 1879. 1869, elected to honorary membership. Representative (lay) to General Conference 1830; and Secretary 1834, 1838, 1842, 1850, 1858; and President, 1867.

50. THOMAS ASBURY MOORE. Born in Sussex county, Del., Jan. 14, 1824; died at Seaford, Del., July 2, 1881. 1845, Newtown (A.); 1846, Cambridge (A.); 1847, Talbot (A.); 1848, Union (A.); 1849-53, unstationed; 1854, Sussex (A.); 1855-6, Sussex; 1857-8, supernumerary; 1859, Sussex; 1860, supernumerary.

51. **DAVID NORWOOD GILBERT.** Born in Harford county, Md., February 10, 1851; died at Kent Island, Md., August 15, 1881; interred at Wesley Chapel, Harford county. Md. 1873, Queen Anne's (A.); 1874, Cecil (A.); 1875, Anne Arundel (A.); 1876, Pocomoke; 1877, Prince William; 1878-80, Quantico; 1881, Kent Island.

52. **ISAAC TUNNELL ADKINS.** Born February 1, 1809; died in Sussex county, Del., October 19, 1881. 1865, Millsborough; 1866, no appointment at his request; 1867, Tyaskin; 1868, Milton; 1869-70, Lower Sussex; 1871-2, Heathsville; 1873-5, Accomac; 1876, Chincoteague; 1877, Potomac; 1878-9, Chincoteague; 1880, superannuated.

53. **THOMAS LEE.** Born in England, June 17, 1821; died at Rainsburg, Pa., July 16, 1882. 1851, Accomac; 1852, Salem; 1853-4, Alleghany; 1855, no appointment at his request; 1856-7, Reading; 1858-9, Caroline; 1860-2, Bedford; 1863-5, superannuated; 1866-7, Susquehanna; 1868, superannuated.

54. **PETER LIGHT WILSON.** Born in Berkeley county, Va., October 20, 1822; died at Johnsville, Md., January 10, 1883. 1842, Pipe Creek (A.); 1843-4, Cumberland; 1845, Pipe Creek (A.); 1846, Frederick; 1847, West Baltimore (A.); 1848-9, Bethlehem; 1850-1, Cumberland; 1852-4, Frederick; 1855-6, Ninth-Street; 1857-9, Jefferson; 1860-1, Ninth-Street; 1862-4, Pipe Creek; 1865-8, Broadway; 1869-73, College Agent; 1874, supernumerary; 1875-6, College Agent; 1877, supernumerary. Representative to General Conference, 1866, 1867.

55. **THOMAS MCCORMICK.** Born in Loudon county, Va., January 5, 1792; died at Baltimore, Md., February 22, 1883. 1869, elected to honorary membership.

56. **CHARLES THEODORE COCHEL.** Born in Berks county, Pa., June 20, 1838; died at Deer Park, Md., July 25, 1884. 1859, Howard (A.); 1860, Newtown (A.); 1861, Harper's Ferry; 1862, Frederick City; 1863, Anne Arundel (A.); 1864, Salem, Philadelphia; 1865, Snow Hill; 1866, West Baltimore Circuit; 1867, Finksburg; 1868-70, Susquehanna; 1871, Union; 1872-3, Dorchester; 1874-7, Frederick; 1878-81, Cecil; 1882-3, Pipe Creek; 1884, First Church, Washington.

57. **JAMES MARTIN ELDERDICE.** Born in Frederick county, Md., Oct. 14, 1817; died at Barren Creek Springs, Md., Oct. 5, 1884. 1840, Baltimore (A.); 1841, Williamsport (A.); 1842, Talbot; 1843, no appointment at his request; 1844, Howard (A.); 1845-6, Cecil; 1847-8, Liberty; 1849-50, Concord; 1851-2, New Market; 1853-4, Williamsport (A.); 1854-6, Concord; 1857, Snow Hill; 1858-9, Trough Creek; 1860-2, Carlisle; 1863-4, Anne Arundel; 1865-8, Cecil; 1869-70, Sussex; 1871, Seaford; 1872-4, Leipsic; 1875-8, Bedford; 1879, Williamsport; 1880-1, Caroline; 1882-3, Sussex; 1884, Union.

58. **ARTHUR DANIEL MURRAY.** Born at Georgetown, D. C., Nov. 19, 1856; died at Baltimore, Md., Nov. 17, 1884. 1879, Eutaw; 1880, Frederick (A.); 1881-2, Broadway; 1883, no appointment at his request; 1884, Georgetown (A.)

59. **HENRY EDWARD MISKIMON.** Born in Harford county, Md., April 15, 1845; died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Feb. 12, 1885. Interred at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. 1866, Newtown (A.); 1867, Talbot (A.); 1868-70, Kennedyville; 1871-4, Harper's Ferry; 1875-6, Ellicott City; 1877-8, Salisbury; 1879-80, Seaford; 1881-4, Heathsville.

60. **JOSEPH ALEXANDER MCFADEN.** Born in Augusta, Ga., January 11, 1825; died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., July 5, 1885. Interred at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. Appointments: 1847, Queen Anne's (A.); 1848, Williamsport (A.); 1849, Kent (A.); 1850, Jefferson; 1851-2, Concord; 1853, Brickmaker's; 1854-5, Pipe Creek (A.); 1856-7, Cambridge; 1858, Baltimore; 1859, West Baltimore Circuit; 1860-1, New Market; 1862-4, Union; 1865, Washington-Street; 1866-73, superannuated; 1874, Seaford; 1875-85, superannuated.

61. **ALFRED BAKER.** Born June 4, 1813; died January 17, 1885. Appointments: 1841-3, Concord; 1844, Baltimore (A.); 1845-6, superannuated; 1847, Baltimore; 1848, superannuated; 1849, Patuxent; 1850-1, Frederick; 1852-6, superannuated; 1857, Frederick (A.); 1858, superannuated; 1864, Montgomery; 1865, no appointment at his request; 1866, Montgomery; 1867, no appointment at his request; 1868, Montgomery; 1869, no appointment at his request; 1870, supernumerary.

62. **CHRISTOPHER BURNS MIDDLETON.** A. B. Western Maryland College, 1876. Born at Washington, D. C., July 21, 1851; died at Alexandria, Va., Feb. 16, 1886. Appointments: 1876, Abingdon, Va.; 1877, no appointment at his request; 1878, Kent (A.); 1879-80, Hampden; 1881-2, East Baltimore; 1883, Atlanta, Ga.; 1884-5, Alexandria.



63. WILLIAM THOMAS DUMM. Born in Zanesville, Ohio, January 19, 1817; died at Johnsville, Md., July 19, 1886; buried at Union Bridge, Carroll county, Md., July 22, 1886. 1843-4, Deer Creek, Assis't; 1845, Williamsport; 1846, Potomac; 1847, Cumberland; 1848, Snow Hill; 1849, Queen Anne's; 1850, Kent, Assis't; 1851-2, Mount Zion; 1853-4, Deer Creek; 1855-6, New Market; 1857, Cecil; 1858-9, Carlisle; 1860-1, E. Washington; 1862-3, Salem, Philadelphia; 1864-5, Cumberland; 1866, Caroline; 1867, Salisbury; 1868-9, Finksburg; 1870-1, Frederick; 1872-4, Cecil; 1875-7, Howard; 1878, Stewartstown; 1879, superannuated.

64. DAVID ANTHONY SHERMER, M. D. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 5, 1824; died in Vienna, Md., December 4, 1886. 1844, Union, Assis't; 1845, Queen Anne's, Assis't; 1846, Lewes; 1847-9, Dorchester; 1850, Cambridge, Assis't; 1851-3, Howard; 1854-5, Brickmaker's; 1856-57, S. Baltimore; 1858-9, Queen Anne's; 1860-1, E. Baltimore; 1862-3, Jefferson; 1864-5, Liberty; 1866-7, Georgetown; 1868-70, Belair; 1871-4, Washington-Street; 1875-6, Broadway; 1877-9, Anne Arundel; 1880-1, Milton; 1882-4, Cecil; 1885-6, Dorchester.

65. DANIEL FITCHETT EWELL, M. D. Born in Accomac county, Va., January 24, 1817, died March 17, 1888, at Clayton, Del. 1838, Shippensburg, Assis't; 1839-41, Dorchester; 1842, Church Creek; 1843, Brickmaker's, Phila.; 1844-5, Union; 1846-8, Newtown; 1849, Accomac; 1850, Dorchester; 1851, no appointment at his request; 1852-5, unstationed; 1857-8, Anne Arundel; 1859-61, Warwick; 1862-5, Delaware; 1866, Washington-Street; 1867-70, Warwick; 1871, Talbot; 1872-84, superannuate; 1885, Powellsville; 1886, Talbot; 1887, Clayton.

66. WILLIAM FRANCIS LIVINGSTON. Born in Worcester county, Md., May 16, 1836; died November 29, 1888, at Westminster, Md. 1861, New Market, Assis't; 1862, Cecil, Assis't; 1863-71, no appointment; 1872-3, Williamsport; 1874-7, Concord; 1878-80, Deer Creek; 1881-2, Middleway; 1883-7, Potomac; 1888, superannuate.

67. CHARLES McFEELY THOMPSON. Born July 22d, 1843; died April 9, 1889. 1868, Whaleyville, Ass't; 1869, St. Michael's; 1870, Anne Arundel, Ass't; 1871, Norfolk; 1872-3, Seaford; 1874-5, Milton; 1876-8, Chesapeake; 1879-83, Susquehanna; 1884, Finksburg; 1885, Leipsic; 1886, Clayton; 1887-9, Harrington.

68. ROBERT THOMAS SMITH. Born in Baltimore, Md., Sept. 20th, 1850; died May 20, 1889, in Washington, D. C. 1874, Belair, Ass't; 1875, Norfolk; 1876, All Saints; 1877-8, Crumpton; 1879-80, Kent Island; 1881, Cumberland; 1882-3, Baltimore; 1884, Eutaw; 1885-7, Rowlandville; 1888-9, without appointment.

69. AUGUSTUS WEBSTER. D. D. Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., 1848. Born in Harford county, Md., December 8, 1808; died October 26, 1890, in Baltimore, Md. 1832, Reisterstown, Assis't; 1833, Reisterstown; 1834-5, Alexandria; 1836, Agent for B. Con.; 1837-8, Georgetown, D. C.; 1839-40, Washington, D. C.; 1841-2, President; 1843, St. John's; 1844-5, no appointment at his request; 1846, unstationed; 1866, returned to honorary membership by invitation; 1866-82, loaned to St. John's; 1883-90, Pastor Emeritus, St. John's.

70. SAMUEL TUCKER FERGUSON. Born in Washington, D. C., January 5, 1840; died November 11, 1890, at Liberty, Md. 1864, Union, Assis't; 1865, Carlisle; 1866, New Market, Assis't; 1867, Prince William; 1868, Howard, Assis't; 1869, Queen Anne's; 1870, Pocomoke; 1871, Harmony; 1872-3, Frederick; 1874-5, Union; 1876-8, Finksburg; 1881-2, Bedford; 1883-6, Concord; 1887-90, Liberty.

71. JAMES THOMPSON. Born in County Down, Ireland, September 9, 1819; died December 25, 1890, at Westminster, Md. 1853, Union, Assis't; 1854, Howard, Assis't; 1855, Baltimore, Assis't; 1856, Newtown, Assis't; 1859, Queen Anne's, Assis't; 1858, Deer Creek, Assis't; 1859, New Market, Assis't; 1860, Howard, Assis't; 1861, Union, Assis't; 1862, Cambridge; 1863-4, Carlisle; 1865-6, East Washington; 1867-9, Bedford; 1870, South Baltimore; 1871-2, Howard; 1873-4, Bedford; 1875-7, Cecil; 1878-9, Concord; 1880-90, superannuated.

72. ROBERT WILKINS BERRYMAN. Born in Surry county, Va., March 30th, 1816; died in same county, April 9th, 1891; transferred from Virginia Conference 1876; supernumerary 1876-1891.

73. JAMES HENRY ELLEGOOD. Born in Laurel, Del., January 15th, 1819; died near Seaford, Del., September 9th, 1892. 1850, Newtown, Assis't; 1851, Friendship; 1852, Prince

William; 1853-4, Salem; 1855-6, Carlisle; 1857, Kent, Assis't; 1858, Caroline, Assis't; 1859, Berkley; 1860-1, Cambridge; 1862-3, New Market, Assis't; 1864-6, Harmony; 1867-9, Caroline; 1870-1, Finksburg; 1872-3, Milton; 1874-6, Sussex; 1877, Quantico; 1878, superannuated.

74. THEODORE DENNY VALIANT. Born May 9th, 1820; died June 6th, 1894, Deal's Island, Md. 1846, Dorchester; 1847, Pipe Creek, Assis't; 1848-9, Williamsport; 1850-1, Kent; 1852-3, Cumberland; 1854-5, W. Baltimore; 1856-7, Salem, Philadelphia; 1858-60, Deer Creek; 1861, Salem, Philadelphia; 1862, Lexington; 1863-8, supernumerary; 1869-71, Centreville; 1872-5, Georgetown; 1876-7, Newark, N. J.; 1878, St. Michael's; 1879-82, President; 1883-5, Belair; 1886-8, Pipe Creek; 1889-94, superannuated.

75. EDWIN RUTHVEN MCGREGOR. Born June 3rd, 1817, in Western New York, near Lake Ontario; died March 8th, 1895, Ballston, Va. 1872-3, Liberty; 1874, Alexandria; 1875, Lexington-St.; 1876, Hampden; 1877, St. Michaels; 1878, Surry; 1879, Norfolk; 1880-82, Surry; 1883-4, Stewartstown; 1885-7, Frederick; 1888-9, Potomac; 1890-91, Assistant Editor of the METHODIST PROTESTANT; 1892-3, Potomac; 1894, Mt. Nebo.

76. JOHN BYRD WHALEY. Born at Whaleyville, Wicomico county, Md., June 4th, 1867; died in Baltimore, Md., October 14th, 1894. 1891-3, Professor in Theological Seminary; 1894, Professor in Western Maryland College.

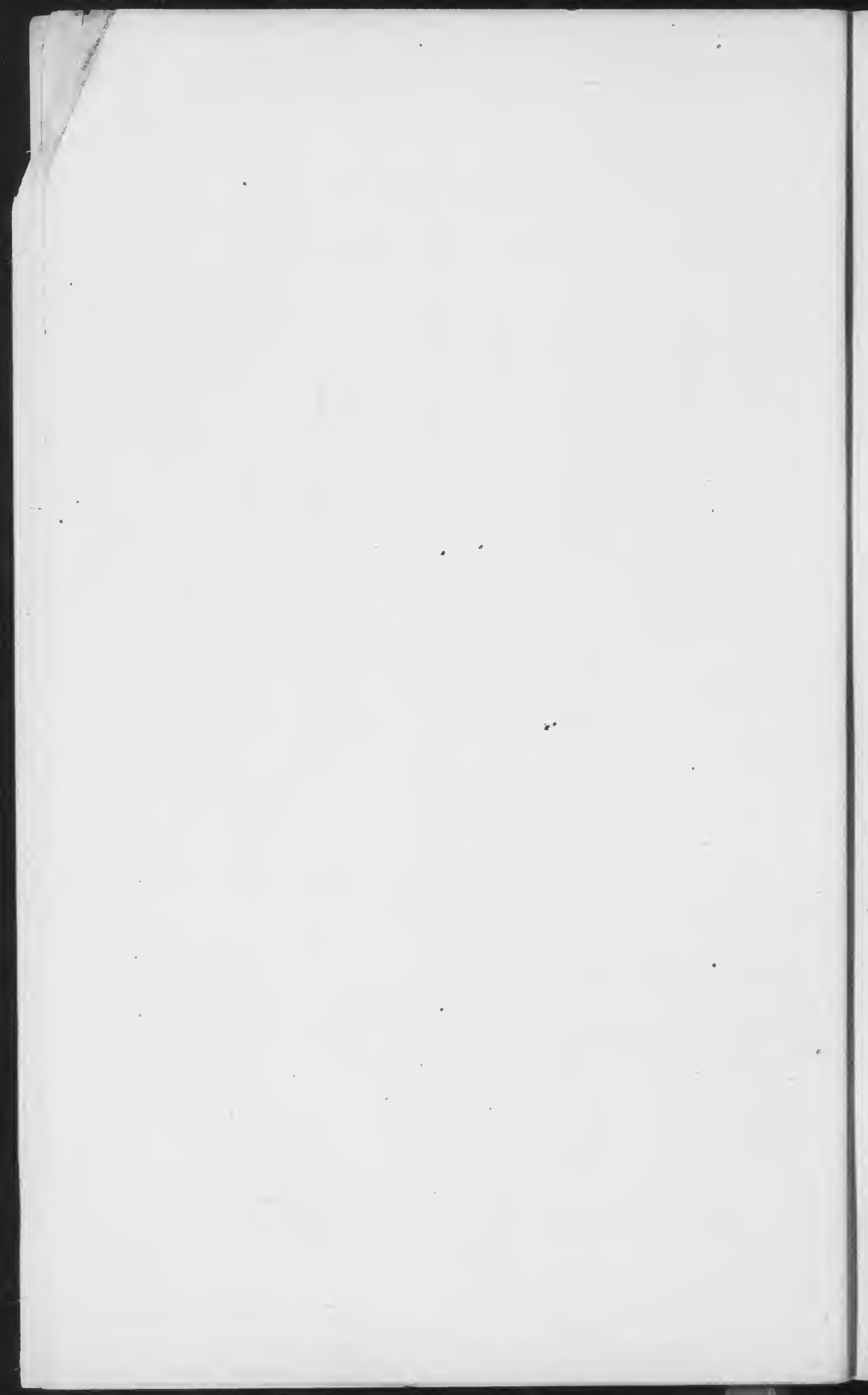
77. JAMES KANE NICHOLS. Born in Berkeley county, Va., July 18th, 1817; died May 5th, 1895, at Johnsville, Md. 1826, Baltimore (A.); 1837, Dorchester (A.); 1838, Deer Creek (A.); 1839, Cumberland; 1840, Kent (A.); 1841, Prince William; 1842-4, Caroline; 1845-6, Pipe Creek (A.); 1847, Snow Hill; 1848, no appointment at own request; 1849, Williamsport (A.); 1850, loaned to Philadelphia; 1851, Reading; 1852-3, Cambridge; 1854, Williamsport; 1855, Harper's Ferry; 1856-7, Bethlehem; 1858-60, Newtown; 1861, Frederick; 1862-4, President; 1865-7, Belair; 1868-71, Jefferson; 1872-4, Vice-President W. Md. College; 1875-6, Alexandria; 1877-8, Liberty; 1879, Libertytown; 1880, without appointment at own request; 1881-1895, superannuated.

78. DANIEL WEBSTER BATES. Born in Medford, Burlington county, New Jersey, June 10th, 1815; died at Edesville, Md., Nov. 9th, 1895. 1842, Wesley Chapel; 1843, Cecil; 1844, Snow Hill; 1845-6, Cambridge; 1847, Williamsport (A.); 1848-50, New Market; 1851-2, Baltimore; 1853-4, Salem, Phila.; 1855-7, Howard; 1858-9, Kent; 1860, Caroline; 1861-2, Anne Arundel; 1863-4, Washington-Street; 1865, Alexandria; 1866-8, Liberty; 1869-71, Baltimore; 1872-3, Stewartstown; 1874-6, Warwick; 1877-9, President; 1880-2, Chesapeake; 1883-1895, superannuated.

79. JOHN WILLIAM CHARLTON. Born in Frederick county, Md., Jan. 27th, 1832; died at Lee Mont, Accomac county, Va., Feb. 24th, 1896. 1859, Frederick (A.); 1860, Snow Hill; 1861, Queen Anne's (A.); 1862-3, Cumberland; 1864, Broadway; 1865-6, Salem, Phila.; 1867-8, E. Washington; 1869-70, Anne Arundel; 1871-3, Laurel; 1874-6, Pipe Creek; 1877, College Agent; 1878, South Baltimore; 1879-80, Finksburg; 1881-3, Fawn Grove; 1884, Talbot; 1885-6, Seaford; 1887-9, Pipe Creek; 1893-4, Kempton; 1895, Accomac.

80. THOMAS E. COULBOURN. Born Sept. 1st, 1853, in Somerset county, Md. Died in Pittston, Pa., March 11th, 1896. 1880, Dorchester (A.); 1881-2, Georgetown (A.); 1883-4, Broadway; 1885-1891, Lynchburg; 1892-6, Foreign Missionary Secretary.





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## FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, April 1st, 1896.

Conference convened in Alnutt Memorial Church, Baltimore, at 9 o'clock A. M.

President J. D. Kinzer conducted devotional exercises, after which S. B. Southerland was called to the chair and the President read his annual report. (Report A.)

The roll was called by the Secretary. The names of James K. Nichols, Daniel W. Bates, J. W. Charlton and T. E. Coulbourn were transferred to the Dead Roll.

On motion, the names of Daniel Baker and Carlos Murray were entered on the Roll of Delegates.

It was decided, on motion, to have the Dead Roll called slowly, without giving number of years of service. The Dead Roll was then called by W. R. Graham.

On motion, the time for the Memorial Service was fixed for Wednesday evening, to precede the Communion Service.

The President announced the Standing Committees.

S. B. Southerland presented some papers, to be referred to Faculty of Instruction.

S. B. Southerland presented a request from the Faculty of Instruction, that Conference hold but one session a day.

Moved by J. R. Caton, that the request be granted; that we hold but one session a day, from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M., with recess from 12.30 to 1.30. A motion to amend, by excepting the day on which we vote for General Conference Representatives, was offered and accepted, and the motion carried.

F. S. Cain was appointed Postmaster of the Conference.

The Bar of the House was fixed at sixth seat from the front.

President's report was referred to Committee on President's Report.

A paper from Prince George Circuit was referred to Faculty of Instruction.

Business session suspended for preaching service. The annual missionary sermon, prepared by the late Corresponding Secretary, T. E. Coulbourn, was read by T. H. Lewis.

A resolution of thanks from the Conference to Rev. R. S. Hulsart and family, of Pittston, Pa., and to the attending physicians, for their kindness to Bro. Coulbourn in his last illness, was offered by L. W. Bates and F. T. Tagg, and adopted. (Resolutions, 1).

#### AFTERNOON.

Conference reassembled at 2 P. M.

Committee on President's Report submitted a partial report, recommending that the order of the day for Thursday, 10 A. M., be the discussion of methods of finance. Report adopted.

On motion, J. Holmes was enrolled as delegate from Amelia.

Various papers were referred to respective committees.

A letter from W. G. Holmes was read, and referred to Committee on Superannuates.

A letter from First Church, Pittsburgh, requesting the loan of D. L. Greenfield, for another year, was read and referred to Committee on Fraternal Relations.

E. J. Drinkhouse made a request, as a question of privilege, that no member vote for him for Representative to General Conference.

Various papers were read and referred.

It was moved, that the representative from Fox Hill church, M. Colbert, be recognized as a delegate. Carried.

Conference proceeded to election of officers. L. F. Warner and C. L. Dodd were appointed tellers.

J. D. Kinzer was elected President on first ballot, receiving 124 votes.

Assistant Secretary was instructed to cast ballot of Conference for H. L. Elderdice for Secretary.

The following Stewards were elected:

Conference Steward, Louis Randall.

Church Extension Steward, Avery Donovan.

Superannuated Fund Steward, L. F. Warner.

Foreign Missions Steward, W. S. Phillips.

General Home Missions Steward, A. S. Beane.

Educational Steward, H. L. Johnson.

Dorsey Blake and C. P. Nowlin were appointed Assistant Secretaries.

Ballot was taken for Standing District Committee.

J. H. Daugherty was excused from Conference to visit his sick mother.

Rev. J. Gibson Gantt, of the Church of the Holy Covenant, Baltimore, was presented to the Conference, and made a brief address.

Tellers were allowed to retire and count ballot for Standing District Committee.

Conference took vote for Committee on Appeals, and tellers were allowed to retire and count vote.

Roll was called, and pastors deposited their reports.

D. W. Anstine stated that he had in bank \$5.30 belonging to the Conference, which was ordered to be appropriated to the Church Extension Fund.

Report of Baltimore Book Directory was read by the Secretary, and referred to Committee on Literature.

Consideration of this report was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock Friday morning.

Vote for Standing District Committee was announced, and L. W. Bates, W. M. Strayer, Wm. Dale, W. J. C. Dulany and W. G. Baker were found to be elected, and ballot was taken for other members. W. B. Usilton was elected.

Vote for Committee on Appeals was announced—W. S. Hammond, W. M. Strayer, David Wilson, T. H. Bartlett, J. R. Caton and T. B. Marche were elected.

Adjourned, with benediction by J. E. Nicholson.

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## SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, April 2d, 1896.

Conference assembled at 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by C. K. McCaslin.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

J. W. Brown requested, and was granted, leave of absence.

Roll of charges was called for presentation of business.

List of Committees was called for reports.

Communication from R. S. Griffith was read, and referred to Board of Managers of Superannuated Fund Society.

Report on President's Parsonage was read, and referred to Committee on Finance.

Secretary read his report, which was referred to Committee on Finance. (Report B).

The order of the day having arrived, Conference entered upon discussion of methods of finance.

Revs. B. F. Clarkson, of Franklin-Street M. E. Church, R. H. Potts, of Cambridge M. E. Church, South, A. A. Whitmore, of M. E. Church, South, Oliver Helmstreet, Secretary Maryland Sabbath Association, D. S. Stevens, Editor *Methodist Recorder*, and J. F. Cowan, Editor M. P. Sunday School Literature, were presented to the Conference.

Report of Board of Managers of the Home for the Aged was read by F. T. Tagg, and 11 o'clock Saturday morning was fixed for its consideration. (Report C).

A resolution was offered by F. T. Tagg, to assess on the District fifteen hundred dollars for General Conference expenses. Adopted. (Resolution 2).

Communications from Chatsworth and St. John's Independent Churches were read, and referred to Committee on Fraternal Relations.

Report of Special Committee on Superannuated Fund was read, and referred to Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

Resolution was offered, to have the Annual Missionary Sermon, composed by the late T. E. Coulbourn, published in the Minutes, and request its publication in the *Methodist Protestant*. Adopted. (Resolution 3).

Rev. O. Helmstreet, Secretary Maryland Sabbath Association, was granted leave to address the Conference.

Papers were referred to Committee on Church Extension.

President appointed G. A. Morris and Frank Holland to collect annual dues for Superannuated and Church Extension Funds, respectively.

Annual report of Washington and Alexandria Branch W. F. M. S. was read by G. Q. Bacchus, and referred to Committee on Foreign Missions.

Conference gave place to Superannuated Fund Society.

On reassembling, the President requested delegates to make their wishes known to him in writing.

After announcements of committee meetings, adjourned, with benediction by J. L. Elderdice.

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THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, April 3d, 1896.

Conference met at 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises by G. A. Morris.

F. H. Mullineaux and L. W. Bates were granted leave of absence.

Roll of Charges was called, and business presented.

Name of W. H. Spry was entered as delegate from Warwick.

List of Committees was called for submission of reports.

•Committee on Credentials reported.

Chairman withdrew one item, by consent of Conference, in reference to delegate from Hampden.

Item in reference to contested seat of delegate from Cecil Circuit was referred to special committee.

Report of Baltimore City Church Extension Society referred to Committee on Church Extension.

Communication from Parksley, referred to same committee.

Report of Committee on Literature was read, and considered seriatim. (Report AA).

Item 1 amended, by striking out clause "especially among farmers." Item adopted as amended.

Item 2, adopted.

Item 3 amended, by adding, "and that we commend the Editor and Publisher of the *Methodist Protestant* to the General Conference for re-election," and adopted.

On motion, the report was recommitted.

Committee on Christian Endeavor Work made a partial report, in form of a resolution to insert Christian Endeavor statistics in Minutes. Adopted.

Special committee to consider item of report of Committee on Credentials in regard to contested seat of delegate from Cecil Circuit—H. C. Cushing, F. T. Tagg, J. M. Sheridan, Dr. Chas. Billingslea, W. C. Coulbourn, J. W. Brooks.

Report of Board of Managers of Theological Seminary was read, and referred to Committee on Education.

On motion, Sunday afternoon, 3 o'clock, was set apart for a Missionary Service, to be in charge of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Item 4, of report of Committee on Literature, was again reported, and adopted.

Item 5, adopted, and report adopted as a whole.

Report of Trustees of Maryland Conference was read. (Report D).

The following were elected Trustees of the Conference:

J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, S. J. Smith, Rowland Watts, T. A. Murray.

Election of member of Faculty of Instruction was considered.

The President declined to appoint a member to fill the vacancy.

A resolution was offered by W. R. Graham and L. R. Dyott, that the Faculty present three names, from whom the Conference should elect. Laid on table.

A motion by W. O. Atwood, requesting the President to appoint a member to fill the chair of Butler's Analogy, was carried.

Annual report of Maryland Branch of W. F. M. S. was read, and referred to Committee on Foreign Missions.

Committee on Pulpit Services submitted report. Adopted.

Report of Committee on President's Report was read, and adopted. (Report E).

A letter from J. L. Killgore was read, and referred to Committee on Superannuates.

Cases of Mrs. Charlton and Mrs. Coulbourn were referred to same Committee.

A letter from E. H. Vandyke was read, and referred to Committee on Foreign Missions.

The following were presented to the Conference:

Rev. G. W. Cooper, of M. E. Church, Rev. Mr. Brian, of Chester St. M. E. Church, Rev. Dr. Green, of St. John's Chapel, Rev. Dr. Heisse, Editor of the *Baltimore Methodist*, Rev. B. Stout, Corresponding Secretary Board of Home Missions, and Rev. J. C. Berrien, Corresponding Secretary Board of Ministerial Education.

A resolution was offered by F. T. Little, to instruct Secretary to print in the Conference Manual, "Order of Business for Quarterly Conference." Adopted. (Resolution 4).

Report of Committee on Statistics was read, and adopted. (Report F).

It was moved to reconsider motion to assess \$1,500 for expenses of Delegates to General Conference.

The amount was placed at \$1,350.

The Conference then gave way to the Electoral College.

After ballot was taken, tellers were allowed to retire to count vote, and Conference resumed session.

R. S. Rowe was granted leave of absence.

A letter was read from Middleway, stating that part of the Conference collections was burned with the parsonage.

Conference Steward was instructed to credit the charge with the amount, and explain cause of deficiency in a footnote.

Q. L. Morrow requested to be left without appointment for another year.

Request granted.

A resolution, commending A. D. Melvin to the General Conference as successor to the late Corresponding Secretary Coulbourn, was offered by J. J. Murray.

Adopted by rising vote. (Resolution 5).

President appointed J. S. Bowers to fill vacancy in Faculty of Instruction.

Decided, on motion, to adjourn on Saturday at 1 P. M.

A. N. Ward was appointed to take collection for the sexton of the church.

Rev. B. Stout, Corresponding Secretary Board of Home Missions, addressed the Conference.

Rev. J. F. Cowan, D. D., Editor of our Sunday School Literature, also spoke on the interests represented by him.

Conference again gave place to Electoral College.

Adjourned with benediction.

8 P. M.—Anniversary of Church Extension Society.

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#### FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, April 4th, 1896.

Conference assembled at 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises, led by E. D. Stone.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.



B. A. Dumm was granted leave of absence.

Rev. Mr. Isaacs, of Montford-Ave. M. E. Church, was presented to the Conference.

Moved by J. T. Murray, that Conference appoint place of next meeting, and that we go at our own expense.

Moved to amend, by striking out last clause. Carried.

Moved, to fix time of meeting.

Both motions laid over, under rule.

Faculty of Instruction submitted report, which was considered by items.

Items 1, 2 and 3, Section 1, adopted.

Items 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Section 2, adopted.

Items 3, 4, 5 and 6 not voted on, as they were only for information.

Item 7, adopted.

Conference gave place to Electoral College. Vote was reported, and the following found to be elected:

Ministers—J. D. Kinzer, F. T. Tagg, T. H. Lewis, W. S. Hammond, F. T. Little, W. M. Strayer. Laymen—J. W. Hering, Daniel Baker, J. R. Caton, T. H. Bartlett, Samuel Vannort.

Conference resumed session.

J. J. Murray was granted leave of absence.

A motion, that ordination of Elders take place in this church Sunday morning, immediately after preaching service, was adopted.

The order of the day had now arrived, and the interests of the "Home for the Aged" were discussed.

Subscriptions to the amount of over \$700 were taken.

A motion was offered by F. T. Tagg, recommending pastors to have appointed a lady from each church, as a member of the Advisory Board of the "Home for the Aged." Carried.

Faculty submitted additional report, recommending ordination of H. E. Nelson and W. H. Litsinger. Adopted. These brethren pledged to pursue the course of study.

H. L. Schlincke was granted leave of absence.

President of W. M. College read his report, which was referred to Committee on Education.

Moved by J. L. Mills, that 11 A. M. Monday be set apart for hearing L. W. Bates and others on importance of supporting Mutual Relief Association. Carried.

S. Vannort was granted leave of absence.

Moved by W. M. Strayer, to refer the name of John R. Nichols to Committee on Superannuated Claimants. Carried

Motion to excuse President of Faculty from delivering his annual lecture. Carried.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance read and adopted. (Report G).

Adjourned for the day at 1 P. M. Benediction by Rev. B. F. Clarkson of M. E. Church.

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FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, April 6th, 1896.

Conference assembled at 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. F. Wooden.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll of Committees was called.

Report of Committee on Superannuated Claimants read, and laid over under rule.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools read, amended, and adopted. (Report H).

Moved by F. T. Little, that request of Maryland Tract Society, for loan of J. T. Murray for another year, be referred to Committee on Fraternal Relations.

Report of special committee on contested election of delegate from Cecil Circuit read, and adopted. (Report I).

Conference resolved into Electoral College. A. D. Melvin declared elected.

Report of General Home Missionary Steward read, and adopted. (Report J).

Report of Educational Endowment Society was read, and adopted. (Report K).

J. D. Kinzer was elected President of Educational Endowment Society, to fill vacancy caused by the death of D. W. Bates.

Order of the day for 11 o'clock was to hear speakers in behalf of Ministerial Relief Association. L. W. Bates, F. C. Klein and L. A. Bennett addressed the Conference in the interest of that cause.

Report of Committee on Temperance was read, and considered by items.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 adopted.

Moved by W. O. Atwood, to amend Item 5 by striking out "government" and inserting "the voter who supports the license system."

Item 5 recommitted.

Items 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 adopted.

Resolution was offered by J. L. Straughn, to secure services of John G. Wooley for Tuesday evening preceding next Conference session, and adopted. (Resolution 6).

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions read, and adopted. (Report L).

Invitation from Broadway, to hold next session in that church, was read, and laid over under rule.

The following were presented to the Conference:

Rev. Mr. Milburn, Rev. Mr. Barnes, Rev. Mr. Roberts and Rev. Dr. Hubbard, of M. E. Church.

A paper from U. S. Fleming was read.

A. W. Mather moved, that the next Conference meet the first Wednesday in April, 1897. Carried.

S. J. Smith offered the report of the Committee on Christian Endeavor Work. Adopted. (Report M).

Conference gave place to Electoral College. J. A. Smith and J. G. Coleman, laymen, were declared elected.

After taking another ballot, tellers being allowed to retire, Conference again resumed session.

J. C. Berrien, Corresponding Secretary Board of Ministerial Education, addressed the Conference.

On motion, time for adjournment was extended indefinitely.

Report of Committee on Fraternal Relations was read, and adopted. (Report N).

On motion, Conference resolved into Church Extension Society.

The tellers of the Electoral College reported. S. B. Tredway, minister, W. J. C. Dulany and T. A. Murray, laymen, were elected. Another ballot was taken and tellers retired.

Church Extension Society finished its session, and Conference resumed.

Report of Committee on Education read, and considered by items. Item 1, adopted.

Consideration of Item 2, on motion, was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock Tuesday.

Electoral College resumed. Judges reported L. W. Bates, minister, and C. W. Hobbs and C. A. Benjamin, laymen, elected. Another vote was taken.

G. A. Morris, collector of dues for Superannuated Fund Society, reported \$115 collected.

Foreign Missionary Steward read his report. Adopted. (See Tables).

Committee on General Home Missions reported. Report adopted. (Report O).

Electoral College again resumed. J. L. Mills, minister, declared elected. Another ballot.

Resolution, to consider case of All Saints' church, was offered by J. E. Nicholson, and referred to Committee on Church Extension.

Judge of Electoral College reported no election, and another ballot was taken.

Resolution was offered by W. J. Neepier, to ask General Conference to change law requiring pastors to present Disciplines to members.

Adjourned, with benediction by W. M. Strayer.

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#### SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, April 7th, 1896.

Conference convened at 9 A. M.

H. E. Bennington conducted devotional exercises.

Roll of Committees called.

Committee on Superannuated Claimants reported. Report considered by items.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 adopted.

Conference raised \$202 for J. R. Nichols, outside of appropriation made for him.

Item 5, to adopt report of Special Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

Moved to strike out from Item 2, of report of Special Committee, "bearing interest," etc. Lost.

On motion, Item 4, of special report, amended by substituting "societies" for "leagues."

Item 5 then adopted.

Report adopted as a whole. (Report P).

Judges of Electoral College reported no election, and another ballot was taken.

Church Extension Steward reported \$111, collected by F. A. Holland, as annual dues.

Order of the day having arrived, Item 2, of report of Committee on Education, was taken up for consideration.

Electoral College resumed session during discussion, and, as there was no election, another vote was taken. •

By consent, a resolution was offered by J. W. Kirk, to instruct Committee on Finance to assess \$4,100 on District for Church Extension. (Resolution 7).

Resolution was offered by F. T. Tagg, to authorize the same assessment as last year for the Seminary. (Resolution 8).

Session was extended 15 minutes.

The Steward of the Superannuated Fund offered his report. Adopted. (See Table).

The report of the Committee on Official Character was read, and adopted. (Report Q).

The report of Steward of Church Extension was read, and adopted. (See Table).

Rev. R. W. Todd, Agent Maryland Bible Society, addressed the Conference.

Solicitor appointed to collect for sexton reported \$31 collected and placed in the hands of the pastor of the church.

Faculty of Instruction submitted additional report, which was considered by items.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 adopted.

Report adopted as a whole. (Report R).

Minutes of Summer Conference were read by J. L. Mills.

Judges of Electoral College reported David Wilson, minister, elected, completing the number.

On motion, the President was requested to read his Plan of Appointments at 9 o'clock to-night.

Time of adjournment was extended indefinitely.

Resolution was offered by T. O. Crouse, in regard to secular press, and adopted. (Resolution 9).

Report of Committee on Education read, and adopted. (Report S).

Existing Board of Governors of Theological Seminary was re-elected.

Electoral College held session. J. T. Murray, W. M. Poisal, D. L. Greenfield and B. F. Benson, ministers, and Chas. Billingslea, A. E. Tull, W. B. Hartley and A. N. Pierce, laymen, were declared elected alternate representatives to General Conference.

Report of Conference Steward read, and adopted. (Report T).

Item 5, of report of Committee on Temperance, was again submitted by committee.

Moved, to strike out "and those who vote for these schemes." Carried.

Item 5 adopted. Report adopted as a whole. (Report U).

Report of Committee on Benevolent Agencies read, and adopted. (Report V).

Report of Committee on Church Extension read, and considered by items.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 adopted.

The substitute for Item 12, offered by J. L. Straughn, was adopted.

Items 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 adopted.

Item 18, amended by making appropriation to Dover \$200, and item adopted.

Report adopted as a whole. (Report W).

Secretary was instructed to cast ballot of Conference for present Board of Stewards to serve next year.

Accepted the invitation to hold next session of Conference at Broadway.

Report of Educational Steward, adopted. (Report X).

Resolution of W. J. Neepier, to change law in regard to presentation of Discipline, laid on table.

Moved and carried, that four ministers be nominated to act as ushers this evening, and to reserve the bar of the house for the Conference.

E. D. Stone, Herbert Wright, George A. Morris and Emanuel Pierce were elected.

Adjourned with benediction.

## EVENING SESSION.

Conference called to order, with S. B. Southerland in the chair.

The interests of the *Methodist Protestant* were presented by Editor F. T. Tagg.

Resolution of W. M. Strayer, to change the representation of General Conference, amended by striking out 4,000 and inserting 3,000. Resolution, as amended, laid on the table.

Report of Committee on Finance read, and adopted. (Report Y).

David Wilson, at his own request, was granted a supernumerary relation.

Resolution of thanks to the city press, for accurate and full reports of Conference sessions, was added to the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

A letter from Dr. Stephens, Editor of the *Methodist Recorder*, and Chancellor of the Kansas City University, relative to the Kansas City University, was read.

L. A. Bennett, who was appointed to solicit members for the Ministerial Relief Association, reported twenty-one new members received.

Resolution, in behalf of Kansas City University, was offered by S. J. Smith, and adopted. (Resolution 10).

President appointed the following Board of Finance:

W. M. Poisal, J. M. Sheridan, J. M. Gill, Edward Reisler, F. M. Warner, W. W. Smith.

Moved and carried, that, upon recommendation of Faculty, the President be requested to ordain H. E. Bennington at his convenience, in case of the latter's appointment to Chincoteague Island.

The President read the Plan of Appointments for the ensuing year. (Report Z).

Approved: JOHN D. KINZER, *President*.

HUGH L. ELDERDICE, *Secretary*.

REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

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*Ministerial.*

J. D. Kinzer,  
F. T. Tagg,  
T. H. Lewis,  
W. S. Hammond,  
F. T. Little,  
W. M. Strayer,  
A. D. Melvin,  
S. B. Tredway,  
L. W. Bates,  
J. L. Mills,  
David Wilson.

*Lay.*

J. W. Hering,  
Daniel Baker,  
J. R. Caton,  
T. H. Bartlett,  
Samuel Vannort,  
J. A. Smith,  
J. G. Coleman,  
W. J. C. Dulany,  
T. A. Murray,  
C. W. Hobbs,  
C. A. Benjamin.

ALTERNATES.

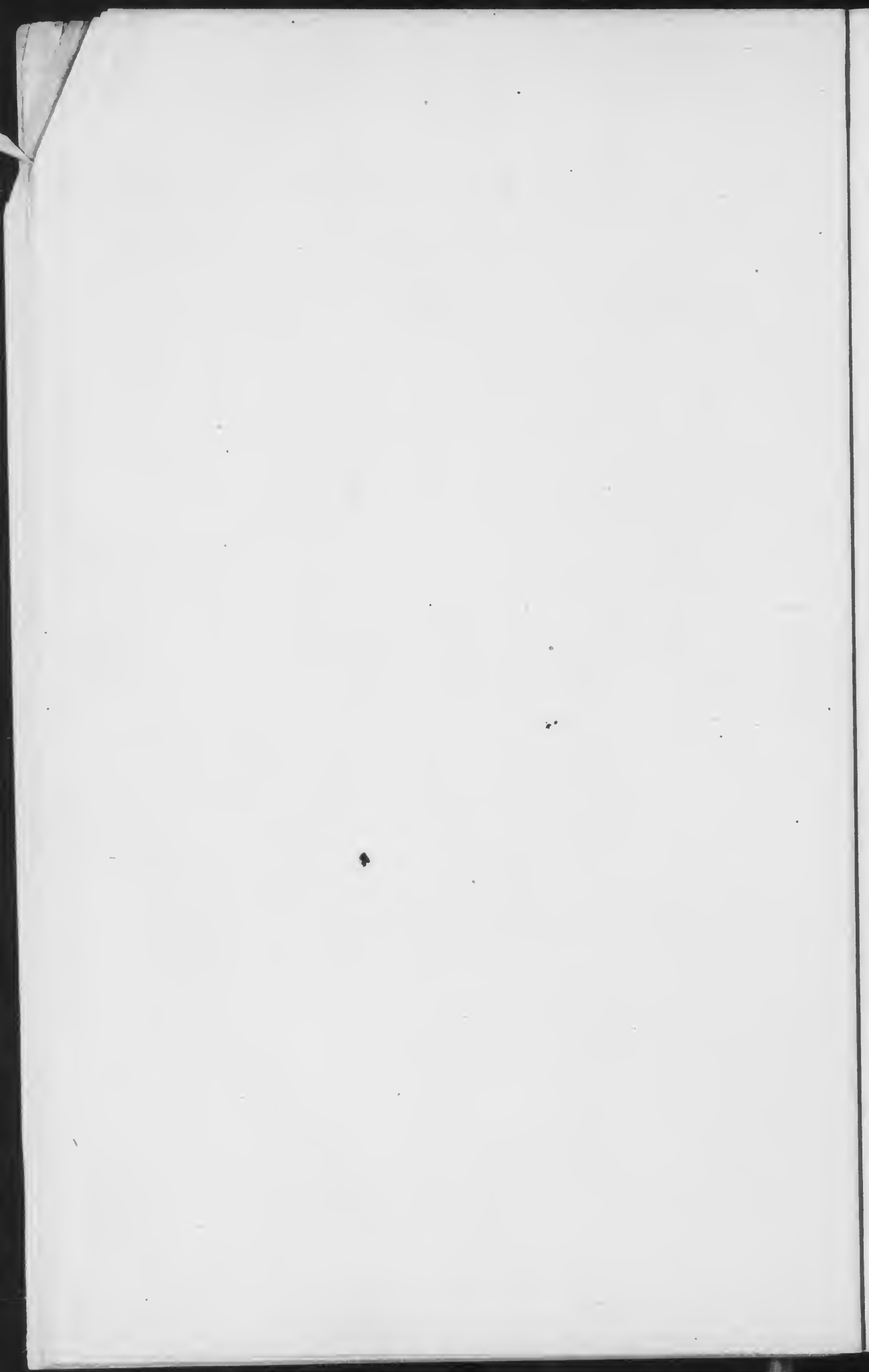
*Ministerial.*

J. T. Murray,  
W. M. Poisal,  
D. L. Greenfield,  
B. F. Benson.

*Lay.*

Charles Billingslea,  
A. E. Tull,  
W. B. Hartley,  
A. N. Pierce.





# REPORTS.

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## A.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: In the name of the great Householder I greet you this morning, as laborers returned from the vineyard. Another year of labor for Him, whose service is liberty and joy, has ended. Another year of life is gone.

Rich harvests have been gathered in many places. Souls have been saved. Christians have been edified and comforted; new churches have been built; new and fertile fields have been successfully entered, and the missionary spirit grows among our people.

Great sacrifices have been made, and heavy burdens carried by many of you, to secure these results. And sickness and death have come into some of our homes: but the Lord has been with us. Our hearts grow tender as we think of the departed. We pause to note our immeasurable loss.

James K. Nichols closed his life on earth at his late home in Johnsville, Md., May 5th, 1895. Daniel W. Bates passed away at his late residence at Edesville, Md., Nov. 9th, 1895. These brethren having served many years in the active ministry, held more recently the relation of superannuates. They had been eminently honored and useful in the ministry, and had the reverence and love of their brethren to the last.

John W. Charlton closed his life among us at Lee Mont, Va., February 23rd, 1896. His health and vigor declined steadily during the year. He continued his work faithfully, while he could stand in the pulpit, but he had not been able to do much since the middle of the summer.

Thomas E. Coulbourn was stricken down suddenly in the midst of his work; and died at Pittston, Pa., March 11, 1896. His comparative youth, vigorous health, and abundant labors, put far off the thought of death; but God called him, and he was ready.

Mrs. J. T. Murray entered into rest, Nov. 23rd, 1895. And Mrs. J. E. Maloy peacefully passed beyond the veil January 3rd, 1896. These good women, faithful companions of their husbands in many years of itinerant toil, were known and honored by us all. "These all died in the faith;" and "we sorrow not as others which have no hope."

### UNSUPPLIED CHURCHES.

Rev. G. J. Smith was appointed to Wilmington, and Rev. G. W. Honey was assigned to his place on Deer Park. Rev. B. B. James at his own request was released from Parksley in June, and Rev. N. O. Gibson, a student

from the College, was given his place for the summer months.—October 1st Rev. E. A. Stone was appointed to Parksley, and he comes up to Conference seeking membership.—Rev. G. H. Stocksdales was released from Federalburg October 1st and sent as assistant on Bedford Circuit. Rev. G. W. Jester was appointed to Mt. Nebo.—Campbell has been cared for again by Rev. S. J. Liggan.—Towson has been supplied by Rev. T. H. Wright of Baltimore Circuit.—Rev. H. W. Johnson has supplied Prince George.—Rev. Mr. Johnson of Georgetown, Del., has supplied Indian River.—March 16th Rev. S. R. Murray was granted release from Chestertown charge, and given his papers of withdrawal from the Conference and Church.

Fraternal Messengers were appointed in obedience to Conference action. The Conference was represented at West Virginia by Rev. F. T. Little.—At North Carolina by Rev. F. T. Tagg.—At New Jersey by Rev. T. H. Lewis: and at New York by Rev. L. R. Dyott.

#### NEW WORK.

New churches have been built and paid for on Clayton, Harrington, Sussex, Bedford, Bethel, Fox Hill, and Fairfax charges. Churches are now being built on Franklin City, Potomac, Conquest and Prince George Circuits. Extensive improvements, costing almost as much as new buildings, have been made at Clayton, Pittsville and Kent Island. North Baltimore, Christ Church, in the northwestern section of the city, and Brooklyn, have been completed and opened for worship. Evergreen Church in the northern suburbs of the city has been built during the year, and has an encouraging outlook. Many other churches have been improved, and old debts cancelled during the year. Despite the hard times I have never known so much commendable self-respect and enterprise in caring for church property.

#### STATE OF THE CHURCH.

In many parts of the District the Church is aggressive and hopeful. Gracious revivals have cheered the pastors, and added hundreds to the membership. Class-meetings in some places, but not in all, are well sustained. Christian Endeavor Society has been helpful, where properly organized. Sunday Schools have been improved, but still are poorly managed in some localities. Four conventions have been held, with enjoyment and profit to those participating. The other Sub-Districts have for some reason failed to hold conventions.

It is evident, however, that the failure of business enterprises, and discouragements of secular life, growing out of the low prices of farm products, have carried timidity and hopelessness into the church. Progress in some cases has been made by the triumph of the pastor's faith and courage, over the inertia and hopelessness of the church. Material resources are often not in sight, and the men who carry forward church enterprises must find their inspiration in the unseen but omnipotent verities of God and heaven.

There are parts of our District where environments are unfavorable for extension of our work. Other and older churches with their peculiar methods have largely pre-empted the territory. We can, at best, get but slow accretions of strength in these localities.

We greatly need a broader, fuller, richer Christian life among our people. On some charges there is little interest shown in anything outside of the local church, or circuit. And the fruit of this spirit is even now apparent in leanness of soul in the individual, and very meagre support for the pastor. It is a familiar truth, but often forgotten, that the richest blessings come into our lives by indirection, rather than by direct seeking. Absolute loyalty to Christ, and consecration to practical Christian work, bring the largest blessing to the individual and to the church. We need not be much concerned about the prosperity of the local church, or even our own personal salvation, if we are doing our utmost to save men, and build the Kingdom of God.

The Christian Endeavor Work now has a place in the programme of Conference meetings. I hope we may not only be able to generate enthusiasm, but have such presentation of the subject as to give to all the Conference an intelligent conception of the spirit and scope of the society. Out of this army of drilled young people we ought to be able to recruit our itinerant ranks. If the genuine spirit of Christian Endeavor pervades these societies I believe we will soon have all the young men we need. While we stimulate all activities, and use all available resources, let us not cease to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest."

Church Extension will claim your special attention. New fields are open to us. Competent men and a little money will enable us to occupy them. Let there be no retrenchment because of hard times. We must enter these open doors. We conserve the best interests of our old churches by building new ones. We subserve every interest of the Kingdom of God by extending our home work, and saving men in our centers of population. Our church never occupied such vantage-ground as it does to-day. Our Scriptural polity commends itself to intelligent, thoughtful people everywhere. Other ecclesiasticisms, by public speech and resolution have conceded the foresight and wisdom of our fathers. Let us maintain our advance position and prove our right to hold it by heroic service in the cause of our common Master.

The College and Seminary now have recognition as strong factors in the work of the Church. Slowly and surely their influence will be felt, as among the constructive forces of all the work of the District. Let them have our cordial and generous support.

The literature of the Church should have a much larger circulation. One of the most discouraging facts we meet is that so few of our people read the Church papers. If we had more readers we would have a more intelligent and reliable membership. There ought to be subscribers enough in this District alone to support the *Methodist Protestant*.

The Maryland Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society continues its good work, and deserves all encouragement. They have employed this year Miss Forrest, a returned missionary, and her presence in our churches has been an inspiration to all good work. No pastor need hesitate to welcome her among his people.

Mrs. T. A. Reese has continued her generous help to needy pastors, putting in my hand for distribution \$600.00.

Pipe Creek Benevolence Society has contributed to men in the active work \$325.00, beside generous aid extended to superannuates.

St. John's Board has given timely aid to churches and individuals during the year. Dr. Ward sent me a check for \$48.22 for the superannuates. This money was contributed by Mrs. J. T. Ward, and her sister, Mrs. E. M. Shepherd. It came to them from the sale of the M. P. Church in Williamsport, Md. The check was turned over to T. A. Murray, Esq., the Treasurer of the Board.

Special reports to me, from the pastors, give these aggregates as indications of the result of the year's work: Conversions 3,355, accessions 3,161; Christian Endeavor Societies 192; Members of these societies 7,090. Money raised for church and parsonage building and improvements 41,420.00. Only 41 pastors report assessments raised in full. The year has been an extraordinary one in monetary matters. I have never known money so scarce in the agricultural regions of the District. It is due some charges to state that with the very limited salary they could pay, there has been thoughtful kindness in providing the parsonage with all the products of the farm and dairy.

I make the following recommendations:

1. That Thursday at 10 A. M. be set apart for the discussion of methods of finance on the several charges. I am convinced, from extended observation, that the small and irregularly paid salaries of pastors is due less to inability, or unwillingness to pay on the part of the church, than to want of method in their management. I hope the Conference will adopt this, and let us have suggestive and helpful talks about *how to do it*.

2. That all Boards of Trustees be incorporated under the laws of the respective States. To this end I suggest that there be added to pastor's blanks the questions: "Have you had the Board of Trustees incorporated? If not, why not?" We are almost annually losing bequests made to churches, because there is no one competent in law to receive them.

3. That a time be selected when the Conference is full for the presentation of the claims of the Church Home, located in Westminster. This enterprise originated in the Conference. It belongs to the Church; and it is a benevolent, Christian work, that we cannot afford to neglect, or coolly hand over to a few men and women to care for. It will require money, not only to open it, but to support it from year to year. We have the money; and I am sure, if our people will think of it, and take it upon their hearts, it will be nobly sustained. The Board of Managers have decided not to open its doors until it is paid for. And they must have some guarantee of support after it is open.

I have visited the entire District, and in obedience to special calls have been a second and third time to some charges. I have been in forty-eight Quarterly Conferences, and participated in many business meetings of the church. I have endeavored to make my office helpful to the pastors in their work; and in doing this I have not spared myself time, labor, or money.

God has blessed me with health and vigor of life for the work; for which I am very grateful. I am indebted to my brethren in the ministry, and to the members of the church in every part of the District, for more courteous

and brotherly treatment; and for many personal kindnesses for which I can never repay them.

Praying for the divine Presence and blessing in all our deliberations, I am your fellow-laborer in the Gospel,

J. D. KINZER.

APRIL 1, 1896.

**B.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

1895.	RECEIPTS.	
April 4th.	To Balance.....	\$ 75 00
" 5th.	Conference Collections.....	250 00
" 9th.	Proceeds of Sale of Manuals.....	9 75
	Sale of Minutes.....	6 60
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		\$341 44
1895.	DISBURSEMENTS.	
April 5th.	Secretary's salary for year ending April, 1895.....	\$ 50 00
" 6th.	Seven Elders' Credentials and Bibles.....	6 74
" 11th.	Expressage on Secretary's Trunk.....	1 00
" 22nd.	Conference Steward's Trunk.....	55
" 24th.	Telegram.....	25
May 9th.	Expressage on 80 copies of Minutes.....	55
" 9th.	Printer's Bill for 1,400 copies Minutes.....	201 70
" 14th.	Elders' Credential and Bible.....	1 10
" 18th.	Expressage on Minutes.....	30
June 11th.	" ".....	35
	Postage and Stationery.....	2 10
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		\$264 64
	Balance in hand.....	76 80

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH L. ELDERDICE, *Secretary.*

**C.**

REPORT BOARD OF MANAGERS "HOME FOR THE AGED."

At the last meeting of the Board of Managers of the "Home of the Aged," a committee was appointed to report the present status and the outlook of the institution to the Maryland Conference. The committee so appointed submits the following:

The Board purchased an excellent property eligibly located on the corner of Main and Church Streets, Westminster, Md. There is ample ground with a frontage of about 90 feet on one street, and about two hundred and twenty-five on the other. Upon it there is a commodious and substantial two-story brick house. The cost of this property was \$1,831.60.

The building has been carried through a course of repairs, involving alterations and improvements to adapt it to the use of a home, at a further cost of about \$875.

Several of the rooms have been furnished by individuals and local churches, and we have reason to believe that the others will be furnished without further cost to the Conference.

The Board deemed it unwise to open the Home to applicants as long as there was a debt on the property, and we submit the following figures that the Conference may be able to act advisedly with reference to the opening of the institution.

Cost of Property.....	\$1,831 60
Cost of repairs, taxes, lawyers fees, &c., about.....	875 00
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	\$2,706 60
Of this amount there is paid about.....	1,775 00
Reliable Subscriptions, about.....	350 00
Leaving a balance of about.....	600 00
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	\$2,725 00

It will be seen that if the Conference indorses the action of the Board, about \$600 will have to be provided before the Home can be opened. We think this a matter for immediate and serious consideration.

When the Home is ready for applicants it is estimated that about six hundred dollars annually will be needed to support it. To use more than the interest on the sum paid by applicants is not considered judicious, ways and means must therefore be provided to meet this need, until such time as the income from invested funds shall make it unnecessary.

It is at this point that "The Ladies Advisory Board" becomes effective. In the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws, the Board of Managers authorized the organization of a Board of seven Lady Visitors, who shall have certain authority in the management of the Home.

In addition they authorized a "Ladies Advisory Board," composed of one lady from each church in the Maryland Conference. This office is not perfunctory, nor merely honorary. It is to be active and useful, giving to each lady so chosen all the official prerogatives of a member of "the Board of Visitors" when present at the meetings of that body.

If each lady chosen upon this Advisory Board will become responsible for the collection of five dollars or more, the financial problem will be solved.

We recommend, therefore, that the Conference pass a resolution earnestly urging upon each church in the Conference to appoint an energetic lady who will interest herself in this work, and who will secure in her charge at least five dollars annually for the Home.

We recommend, that in accordance with the report of the President of the



Conference a time be set for the consideration of this interest, and we believe that Saturday morning, at 11 o'clock, would be a suitable time.

J. D. KINZER,

F. T. TAGG,

E. B. FENBY,

*Committee.*

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**D.**

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MARYLAND CONFERENCE.**

We report that the time for which J. L. Mills, S. R. Murray, Roland Watts and T. A. Murray were elected, has expired, and that two ministers and two laymen should be elected to fill the vacancy.

We also report a vacancy caused by the death of J. W. Charlton, which should be filled in compliance with the Articles of Incorporation.

J. L. MILLS, *President of the Board,*

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**E.**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.**

Your Committee on President's Report submit the following:

1. While we sorrow that some of our number have fallen out of the ranks of the Church militant, we rejoice that they have gone to join the hosts of the Church triumphant. They fought a good fight, they kept the faith, they have finished their course; "they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

2. That our Church is making material advancement is shown in the fact that seven new churches have been built and paid for; three completed and opened for worship; four are being built; and that extensive improvements costing almost as much have been made at many places. The spiritual condition is most encouraging, the increase in accessions to the church, the number of Christian Endeavor Societies and their membership being greater than during any year of our history.

3. The Pipe Creek Benevolent Society, St. John's Board of Beneficence and Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese, by the timely aid so generously extended to our preachers and churches, maintain their well established reputation for Christian liberality, and are again entitled to receive our thanks.

4. We recommend that the order of the day for Thursday, at 10 o'clock, be a discussion of the methods of finance on the several charges.

5. We recommend the incorporation of all our Boards of Trustees under the laws of the respective States; and that there be added to Pastor's blanks the questions: "Have the Boards of Trustees been incorporated? If not, why not?"

6. We recommend that a time be appointed for the presentation of the Church Home, located at Westminster.

J. L. ELDERDICE, *Chairman.*



**F.****REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.**

The committee on Statistics reports 21,612 members:

In view of the large number of conversions and accessions throughout the District, members of the Conference will no doubt be disappointed that the number is not larger, but there seems to have been a general determination by the churches to purge their lists. No fewer than 934 names have been dropped. Beside this 1,929 of those received are still carried on probation.

We report 78 Unstationed Ministers and Preachers; 232 deaths; received by certificate 605; withdrawn by certificate 362. We have 261 Sabbath Schools, with 23,837 Scholars.

We would call attention to the fact that many of the reports from pastors are evidently not accurate.

We had reported last year 21,333 members, but brethren now report that they had only 20,843 at the beginning of the year, a difference of 490.

We suggest that if members disappear in that way while pastors are absent at Conference it would be well to provide some means to hold them.

H. W. D. JOHNSON,

*Chairman of Committee.*

**G.****REPORT OF SABBATH OBSERVANCE.**

The Committee on Sabbath Observance submits the following:

We again most earnestly declare our loyalty to the command of God, "Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it Holy"—and to the laws of our land which recognize the Sabbath as a holy institution, a day of rest and worship.

We deplore the tremendous tide of Sabbath desecration that is continually pressing upon us in a variety of ways to tempt and demoralize our people and to hinder every kind of Christian work. We regard the Sunday newspaper, Sunday travel, Sunday work, Sunday amusements and Sunday purchases as positive evils, and recommend that our people be requested not to encourage these in any way.

We express sympathy for all organizations that strive to preserve the quiet and sanctity of the Sabbath day and the suppression of vice and crime.

We recommend that all our pastors preach occasionally on the subject of Sabbath observance, and strive in every way to impress their people with its importance.

Your committee has listened with great interest to a statement made by Rev. Oliver Hemstreet, concerning the work of the Sabbath Association of Maryland, and heartily commend that Association to the confidence, co-operation and support of our churches in its efforts to counteract the terrible tide of Sabbath desecration that is so persistently trespassing upon and sweeping over our land.

W. R. GRAHAM, *Chairman.*

H.

REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your committee on Sabbath-Schools submit the following report :

We realize the importance and responsibility resting upon the Sabbath Schools in the formation of Christian character, and the lack of thorough appreciation of and consecration to the work in the different charges, and therefore recommend,

1st. That Sabbath School Conventions be held in the several districts mapped out by the President of the Conference.

2nd. That at least one sermon be preached during the Conference year at every appointment upon the importance and necessity of the Sabbath-School work.

3rd. That a course of study and examinations of superintendents be instituted.

4th. That written reports of the condition and progress of the work be submitted by superintendents to the official meetings of the church.

5th. That, where practicable, a teachers' training class be had under the care of some competent person.

6th. That the "Lesson Helps" be given to teachers and scholars for study at home, and that the Bible be used in connection with the "Lesson Helps" at the Sabbath-schools.

7th. That *our own* Sabbath School Literature be used, including *Our Young People*, *The Morning Guide* and *Our Children*.

8th. We earnestly recommend that our Sunday-schools provide Catechisms for the scholars, and make arrangements for their instruction therein by the pastor or otherwise.

S. W. COE, *Chairman*.

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I.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The special committee on the Cecil Circuit Election Case, after a patient hearing of the contestant, resolved by unanimous vote to sustain the report of the Committee on Credentials, which is as follows :

In the matter of the contested case from Cecil Circuit, we report that Willam M. Thompson received a majority of the whole number of the votes of the respective churches comprising the circuit, and, therefore, he is entitled to have his name recorded as the delegate of the said circuit.

ROBERT S. ROWE, *Chairman*.

H. C. CUSHING,  
*Chairman of Special Committee.*

*Reports to the***J.****REPORT OF GENERAL HOME MISSIONARY STEWARD**

Amount assessed on District.....	\$1,449 06
Paid on Assessments.....	\$1,035 68
B. Stout, collected at Conference.....	8 46
“ “ of a friend.....	1 50
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Deficiency.....	\$403 36

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. BEANE, *Steward.***K.****REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY.**

BALTIMORE, March 16th, 1896

DEAR BRETHREN: As required by our charter we submit our annual report. It is our painful duty to announce the decease of the President of this Board, Rev. D. W. Bates, D. D., who for the whole period of its existence has filled this position. We have elected to fill this vacancy Rev. J. D. Kinzer, D. D., and as required by our charter this election must be approved by the Maryland Annual Conference.

On the 11th day of April, 1895, the Society by a unanimous vote made a second waiver of its mortgage against Western Maryland College, the first having been reduced by annual payments from \$15,000 to \$8,000, the second waiver being for the original sum of \$15,000 to enable the College authorities to borrow the sum of \$7,000 with which to erect an additional dormitory for the male students. This sum was expended so that a prior lien now exists on the College property of \$15,000, which will be placed in process of liquidation with the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. KINZER, *President.*E. J. DRINKHOUSE, *Secretary.***L.****REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.**

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following:

We regard the condition of our missionary work in Japan as highly gratifying. With two new missionaries, making six in the field since October, 1895, a large building for educational and missionary purposes at Yokohama, and a substantial church at Nagoya in course of erection, recent accessions to the churches at Shizuoka and Nagoya, one new appointment taken up and calls from four other points, the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Yokohama church, February, 1896, signalized by becoming self-supporting, marked progress in the acquisition of the language by the

missionaries, the decline of the war excitement and the ascendancy of the pro-foreign feeling, with accompanying demands for foreign languages, and kindred things, afford an outlook which has never been surpassed in the history of our operations abroad.

The Minutes of the Japan Mission Annual Conference, held September, 1895, do not accurately represent present conditions, but we quote therefrom: Number of Churches, 3; Baptisms, 37; Members, 254; Probationers, 44; Discontinued, 85; Churches contributed y. 450.89; Sunday-schools, 17—an increase of three; Sunday-school Scholars, 707; Japanese Ministers, 3; Preachers, 5; Evangelists, 3; Theological Students, 4. W. F. M. S. has Missionaries, 3; Bible Women, 8, besides Teachers and Pupils who assist.

The details of the educational work for this scholastic year are not at hand, but advancement is reported, and also new appliances and improvements at the Nagoya College.

We have received reports from the Washington and Alexandria, and the Maryland Branches of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and note the presence at this Conference of the Society's Traveling Secretary, Miss Annie L. Forrest, returned missionary.

The reports evidence growth of missionary spirit, increase in finances, and hopefulness or future operations. We recognize the zeal and abundant labors of our sisters, and the importance and value of their work to the Church, and respectfully urge our pastors to render all possible assistance to them in their plans and labors. The President's official commendation of Miss Forrest, and the results accomplished for the Society and the charges she visited prompt us to earnestly recommend that pastors welcome her as the Society's representative, and thus "encourage and assist in the organization of Auxiliary Societies," as the Discipline requires.

Your committee have learned with great pleasure of the donation to the Woman's Foreign Missionary, through the Hampden Auxiliary Society, from a lady of that congregation (Mrs. Georgia Wood) of the sum of \$150.

Your committee fully recognize the great loss the entire denomination has sustained in the sudden death of our honored and loved Secretary, Rev. T. E. Coulbourn, and we recommend that the Conference hereby express its very high appreciation of his faithful and efficient labors which greatly stimulated the zeal of the Church, enriched the Board's treasury, made possible advance in the foreign field, and paved the way for a new mission in another land.

We recommend further, that the Conference hereby convey to the family and relatives of our deceased brother expressions of its profound sympathy and commend them to the loving care of Him who "relieveth the fatherless and widow."

We are apprised of the resolution adopted by the Conference, expressing its gratification over the election of Rev. A. D. Melvin to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Rev. T. E. Coulbourn, and commending him to the ensuing General Conference as a suitable person for the position. (See Murray Resolution).

Your committee beg leave to add that Bro. Melvin's successful career of

twenty-four years in this Conference—his mental powers, administrative abilities, and spiritual fervor, which have made a deep impress upon important charges and the legislation of the Conference—are sufficient guarantee that the duties to which he has been called will be executed with fidelity and ability, and we bespeak the hearty support of the Conference in the great work committed to his hands.

We are glad to report that the Children's Day Service has been printed, and can soon be secured from the Corresponding Secretary at Westminster, Md. We earnestly direct attention to the claims of this Service, on which the Board of Foreign Missions must rely for a large part of the revenue needed for the conduct of the work. This year's Service was among the last labors which engaged our lamented Bro. Coulbourn's attention, and that loyal heart, stirred with the expectation of rousing his brethren as never before, voices to us his purposes and efforts in this Service, and it remains for us to show, by our zeal and labors to make it a success, that we have caught his spirit and will push forward the work he loved, and in which he died. We indulge the hope that the Maryland Conference will make this Children's Day the greatest and best in the history of the Church.

We are requested to state that all funds are to be sent to Rev. G. B. McElroy, Treasurer, Adrian, Mich.

The Board's announced desire to commence work in China prompts your committee to most respectfully recommend for consideration that its inception be marked by the establishing of a hospital and allied work, to be known as the "Coulbourn Memorial," as such a work meets the conditions in China, and affords the quickest and surest access to the people.

Your committee would emphasize the article in the Discipline, page 86, "The Sabbath-schools of the Church shall be recognized as Juvenile Missionary Societies," and we recommend that the Conference instruct pastors and superintendents to carry out this regulation in all our schools, that our scholars may be reared with a just appreciation of the claims, and an active participation in the work of foreign missions. We further recommend that all our schools be urged to devote at least one Sabbath's collection in each month to foreign missions, there being already a place in the official report for Sunday-school contributions.

The Christian Endeavor Societies from their inception have been imbued with the missionary spirit to a greater or less degree, and much has been done by the United Society to give new impetus to youthful thought and effort by enlisting societies to contribute to their respective Boards, and we direct particular attention to the necessity of all our societies engaging heartily in the work of foreign missions. We recommend as suggestions, that our Sabbath Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies take up some specific work, as the rent of a Japanese house used as a chapel—one from \$15 to \$30 per year; the education of a girl in the Womans' Home at \$40, or a theological student at \$50 per year, including all expenses, the support of an Evangelist or Preacher at \$80.

Rev. E. H. Van Dyke's letter to the Conference, indicating encouraging

conditions in Japan, and referring to his Conference relations, has been considered, and we recommend that he be continued in active relation to this Conference until conditions exist which will permit him to regularly transfer to the Japan Conference as he signifies his willingness to do, and we also recommend that the President and Secretary of the Conference convey by letter to Bro. Van Dyke the Christian greetings and good wishes of the Conference. We further recommend that the Conference hereby extend its fraternal greetings and assurances of co-operation to the Japan Mission Annual Conference, praying the great Head of the Church to abide with and bless them in their cares and toils.

FRED C. KLEIN, *Chairman.*

GREETINGS OF MARYLAND BRANCH W. F. M. S. TO THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

We submit the following for the year ending April 1, 1896:

God has wonderfully blessed us all through the year. We took a forward step and employed a travelling Secretary. It was a successful step for us. We regret exceedingly that she was not received by all ministers. Those who did receive her were amply paid. She is still with us. May she not come to you yet? We have seven (7) scholarships and more to follow. Fourteen new auxiliaries have been organized, making a total of 33 auxiliaries. Yet how few of the churches have an auxiliary. We most earnestly ask our brethren to use all means available for us. Organize an auxiliary at once if you have none. Our future is in thorough organization. Y. P. S. C. E. in many places, is doing good work for us. We request you to interest your missionary committees of the Christian Endeavor to aid us. We would most respectfully call your attention to the fact that the Jr. S. C. E. has taken the place of the former "mission bands." God bless the Juniors. Our hope for the future is in them. May we not have them to educate for the cause of missions? Our total receipts to date, \$1,711.46.

We are continually praising God for His goodness to us.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HENRY HUPFIELD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT

*Of the Washington and Alexandria Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of M. P. Church, ending March 31, 1896.*

We are few in number, yet it has been with earnest hearts that we have pressed on faithfully, endeavoring to do the Master's will, and to do our part in sending the blessed Gospel to heathen lands. Number of Auxiliaries, 4; number of members, 91; number of life members, 1; Records taken, 34; paid to treasurer general fund, \$123.91.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY C. ONG, *Corresponding Secretary.*



## M.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK.

Your committee on Christian Endeavor Work beg leave to report as follows:

It is a matter for thankfulness that the number of Christian Endeavor Societies has increased during the year, while the membership has steadily multiplied. The reports reveal the following gratifying facts: Number of Societies—Young People's, 113; Junior, 49—total 162. Conversions, 140. Amount contributed, \$2,461.46.

We believe that the Christian Endeavor Society is of God. We entertain the conviction that its organization came at a critical period in the history of the church—critical, because old methods of work and forms of devotion were considered dry and uninteresting to many people, especially the young—because the silent, if not outspoken protest against stereotyped forms of religious work was driving our young people from the church. Christian Endeavor has faced the serious problem and put the young people to work; and their growing intelligence and superabundant energy are consecrated to Christ as never before. We cherish the hope that the day will speedily come when the most untutored and inconspicuous among our people will find some work to do, and the most talented and prominent will feel that they are highest honored by consecrating all to Jesus.

We are persuaded that many societies have reached that point in their history, when they need very judicious control: The C. E. Society ought to be what Dr. Clarke once denominated it—The Pastor's Aid Society. The pastor should never lose his hold upon the society, and the relation between pastor and society should be such that the members will not wish him absent from any of their meetings. The active, progressive pastor will never grow too old for membership in the society. In the great majority of cases a loving sympathetic interest and co-operation on the part of the pastor will be appreciated.

We would call special attention to the work of the Junior Society. Little children readily learn about loyalty to Christ and how to do work for Him. The selection of a wise and competent superintendent is a matter for careful consideration. Patience, tact, love for Christ and love for children must be qualifications of a successful Junior Superintendent.

So vital, so fundamental is the Christian Endeavor Pledge that we urge upon all the importance of its strict observance. Let applicants for active membership fully understand the nature of the pledge before assuming its obligations. But in dealing with this important matter be "as wise as serpents and harmless as doves." The *society was not made* for the pledge, but the pledge for the society.

In conducting the prayer-meeting and other devotional exercises of a Christian Endeavor Society, there should be thoughtful arrangement of program, but routine should be avoided.

Conventions of Christian Endeavor workers have invariably proven bene-

ficial. Where practicable we would recommend the formation of State and County Unions. Let Methodist Protestant Christian Endeavorers in contiguous churches and charges meet and discuss Christian Endeavor work and quicken each other's zeal and enthusiasm.

Since the Endeavorers of Maryland are near the meeting place of the great Convention of 1896, and as these international conventions are calculated to broaden the view, promote and cement Christian fellowship, develop missionary zeal and awaken enthusiasm, we would have the more than 7,000 Christian Endeavorers of the Maryland Conference to gather in Washington next July, and behold the most stupendous Christian gathering ever held. Let all Endeavorers remember whence their strength comes and read their Bibles and pray every day.

We wish to renew the recommendation that Thursday evening of next Conference be set apart as the time for an annual rally of Christian Endeavor forces, and that the President and Executive Committee of the Maryland Conference Union arrange the program for that occasion.

We recognize *Our Young People* as the official organ of our Endeavor Societies. We believe its subscription list in this Conference ought to be doubled. To this end we earnestly urge the pastors to increased interest in this publication.

WHEREAS, The work of the Christian Endeavor Society in our Conference has assumed such proportions and is of such vital importance,

*Resolved*, That the Conference authorize the publication in the Minutes of full and complete reports from all the charges.

S. J. SMITH, *Chairman*.

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## N.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations, having considered the papers referred to them by this Conference, respectfully report the following recommendations:

1st. That the request of the Board of Managers of the Maryland Tract Society, for the loan of Rev. J. T. Murray, D. D., as General Agent and Corresponding Secretary, for one year, be granted.

2nd. That the request of St. John's I. M. Church of Baltimore, for the loan of the Rev. J. S. Bowers as pastor for the ensuing year, be granted.

3rd. That the request of Chatsworth Methodist Church, of Baltimore, or the loan of Rev. Thomas O. Crouse as pastor for one year, be granted.

4th. That the request of the First Methodist Protestant Church, of Pittsburgh, for the loan of Rev. D. L. Greenfield as pastor for the ensuing year, be granted

5th. Your committee having had referred to it the unfinished communication of Rev. J. J. Smith, D. D., Fraternal Messenger from the New York Conference, this body deeply regret the sad affliction which prevented the completion of his Fraternal Message, and express the hope that the health of



this beloved and honored minister may be fully restored, and that this Conference extends its sympathy to the New York Conference and the family of Dr. Smith in their mutual affliction.

6th. We respectfully recommend the appointment of Fraternal Messengers to the Pittsburgh, West Virginia and New York Annual Conferences.

7th. That we are deeply grateful to the pastor of this church, Rev. W. S. Hammond, D. D., and his committee, for their thoughtful and constant provision for the comfort of the members of this Conference.

8th. That we extend the thanks of this body to the officials of such Railroads and Steamboat Companies as have granted us special favors in travelling to and from Conference.

9th. That this Conference thank the Press of this city for the able and thorough reports made by them of the proceedings of the Conference.

DAVID WILSON, *Chairman.*

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### O.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on General Home Missions have carefully and prayerfully considered the subject assigned them, and beg leave to submit the following report:

Of the \$1,500 assessed on the District last year \$1,035.68 has been collected. Not being able to secure the presence of our Secretary, Bro. Stout, before the committee, we cannot give any information in regard to the number of churches erected and money expended.

We are impressed with the importance of this part of our denominational work in our Home Mission fields, in which our Board is engaged, and express regret that there is not more money in hand to advance the Kingdom of God in many places which are open to us, and where churches are very needful.

Owing to the financial depression of the country, however, and the deficiency in collections the past year, we deem it unwise to make any increase in our assessment on the District for the coming year, and would most respectfully recommend that the sum of \$1,500 be made the assessment.

We further recommend that every charge in the District resolve by an earnest and active effort to collect every dollar of the assessment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. FLOYD, *Chairman.*

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### P.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATES.

Your Committee on Superannuated Claimants respectfully submits the following report:

1st. We recommend that Rev. John R. Nichols, Mrs. J. W. Charlton and Mrs. T. E. Coulbourn be placed on the list of Superannuated Claimants.

2d. We recommend that the sum of \$4,000 be assessed on the District for distribuion.

3d. We recommend the following appropriations:

Rev. W. A. Crouse... <sup>2.6</sup> .....	\$200	Mrs. J. H. Ellegood..... <sup>2.8</sup>	175
" H. C. Cushing... <sup>4.0</sup> .....	300	" C. Eversole..... <sup>3.8</sup>	125
" H. J. Day ..... <sup>2.0</sup> .....	150	" D. F. Ewell..... <sup>3.8</sup>	125
" J. W. Everist..... <sup>3.3</sup> .....	100	" S. T. Ferguson..... <sup>2.6</sup>	450
" W. G. Holmes..... <sup>4.0</sup> .....	175	" D. N. Gilbert..... <sup>8</sup> .....	275
" J. L. Killgore..... <sup>2.6</sup> .....	400	" Thomas Lee..... <sup>1.3</sup> .....	125
" W. J. D. Lucas... <sup>1.6</sup> .....	375	" W. F. Livingston... <sup>1.9</sup> .....	200
" R. S. Norris..... <sup>4.5</sup> .....	350	" J. A. McFaden..... <sup>2.8</sup> .....	200
" J. R. Nichols..... <sup>5.8</sup> .....	400	" C. B. Middleton... <sup>1.0</sup> .....	300
" S. B. Southerland... <sup>4.4</sup> .....	550	" H. E. Miskimmon... <sup>1.9</sup> .....	200
" J. A. Weigand..... <sup>1.3</sup> .....	400	" J. E. Reed..... <sup>1.3</sup> .....	200
Mrs. W. C. Ames..... <sup>8</sup> .....	125	" D. E. Reese..... <sup>4.4</sup> .....	250
" T. M. Brian..... <sup>1.2</sup> .....	150	" John Roberts ..... <sup>3.2</sup> .....	250
" J. W. Charlton... <sup>3.7</sup> .....	300	" D. A. Shermer.... <sup>4.2</sup> .....	100
" C. T. Cochell.... <sup>2.5</sup> .....	125	" C. M. Thompson.... <sup>2.1</sup> .....	250
" T. E. Coulbourn... <sup>1.6</sup> .....	400	" S. G. Valliant..... <sup>7</sup> .....	175
" W. T. Dumm.... <sup>3.6</sup> .....	250	" P. L. Wilson..... <sup>3.4</sup> .....	125
" J. M. Elderdice... <sup>4.4</sup> .....	350	" J. W. Whiteside... <sup>1.6</sup> .....	100

Mrs. D. Bowers relinquishes her claim on the fund for this year.

4th. The fund paid last year \$79.90 on each \$100 appropriated.

5th. We have carefully considered the report of the special committee "to devise ways and means to increase the permanent fund" of the Society, referred to us by the Conference, and recommend that it be adopted.

F. T. LITTLE, *Chairman.*

# REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

BALTIMORE, MD., March 31, 1896.

*Maryland Annual Conference M. P. Church,*

BRETHREN: The committee appointed at the last Annual Conference to consider and devise ways and means for increasing the permanent fund of the Superannuated Fund Society of this Conference, beg leave to report that they have had this matter under serious consideration, and have carefully weighed the several plans and suggestions which have been offered, as presenting a feasible method of accomplishing that most desirable end.

It has been painfully apparent for some years that the provision for the support of our superannuates has been largely inadequate, and the conviction has been growing in the minds of those who have given this matter any thought, that the inadequacy of this provision is being sorely felt by those already dependent upon it, and gives but small promise to those looking forward to the possibility of becoming dependent upon it, until it has reached a point, that the Church is bound by every consideration of gratitude, duty, love and sympathy existing in the Christian heart, to meet this question, and to solve it by decided action.

It is true that every interest of our beloved Zion should have a large place in our hearts, and a strong and an abiding hold upon our deepest affection,

and no personal tie nor personal interest should supercede our love for our Church and all that pertains to her welfare; but we can conceive of no stronger claim upon us, than the consideration of an adequate provision for the care of those who have given their lives to the Master's cause, and as ambassadors of the Master's Kingdom have with holy zeal borne to us the sweet and precious messages of Christ's love, and promise of salvation; who by their earnest and faithful proclamation of the Truth, and consecrated labors, have pointed us the way to eternal life; who have shared in our sorrows and afflictions, and brought sunshine into our lives; who have mingled their tears with ours when shadows have fallen across our path, and by their gentle and loving ministrations and unfaltering faith have pointed us to the source of all consolation and hope, and have made sacred many of the sweetest and tenderest recollections of our lives, which have been written upon our memories with ineffaceable characters. Who is it that can forget the minister of God who first led him to the Light? Who in the Maryland District does not remember with heartfelt gratitude and deepest Christian love that consecrated man of God whose influence wrought in his or her life the wonderful change from the hopelessness of sin to the glorious hope of the Gospel? There must be in the mind of almost every member of our Conference District some sweet, tender and precious memory clustering around some one or more of these devoted and self-sacrificing men of God, who have laid their all upon the altar of God's cause, and have consecrated time, talent, means and life to God, and for the good of their fellows. And when, by reason of failing health, the infirmities of age, or by death they are stricken, shall they or theirs be forgotten, or shall all the tender and precious memories of their past service perish, and they and theirs be left to want? God forbid that we should be so recreant to every sense and feeling of gratitude and sympathy which must exist in every true Christian heart. We must, and trusting in the Lord for help, we will provide for them.

Ministers of our denomination have meagre opportunities to provide against the future, and must of necessity depend upon the Church to guard them against that day in their lives when they can no longer occupy their places in the active field, and, when stricken by death, to protect their wives and their children against the cold charities of the world. And the Church that fails in this cannot hope for great success, and the man or woman who disregards this obligation, can lay but small claim to Christian philanthropy.

The income from the invested fund, and the collections from the District are insufficient for our needs, and we must increase somewhere, and we believe the increase of the permanent fund the most feasible, and feel that it can be done without imposing any very material burden upon the Church, and while the increase proposed will not entirely relieve the necessity, no doubt will greatly better it, and we feel that an earnest effort, and cheerful and active, will astonish us in results, and therefore suggest the following:

First. That the permanent fund of the Superannuated Fund Society be increased to \$100,000.

Second. That the said Fund be increased by soliciting donations in sums

of \$10 each, over the Conference District, payable April 1, 1898, to be evidenced by the note or obligation of the donator, bearing 6 per cent. interest from the date of promise until paid, or to be paid in cash at the option of any donator.

Third. That a Standing Committee of Five Laymen be appointed by the Conference, who shall have charge of this effort, and the methods of accomplishing this work.

Fourth. That the committee may organize a Superannuated Fund Society, to be composed of the committee and of one or more members from each and every charge in the District to carry out this object.

Fifth. That the committee may select such laymen whose services they can secure, to visit the central points in the District to present the claims of superannuates by public appeal or otherwise to the Church.

Sixth. That the committee may have prepared and circulated through the District an appeal in behalf of this interest, and receive for the use of the Superannuated Fund Society all donations or pledges.

Seventh. That the pastors of the several charges as soon as possible after the adjournment of this Conference furnish the chairman of the committee with the name of some active and influential member of his charge, who is in sympathy with this interest.

Eighth. That the Conference commend this work to the entire Church and urge upon it co-operation and sympathy in the efforts of the committee.

Submitted with a prayer for the blessing of God upon the effort.

JAMES R. CATON, *Chairman.*

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**Q.**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL CHARACTER.**

Your Committee on Official Character would respectfully report that the Pastors' Official Reports were correct with the following exceptions, viz: On some charges, Disciplines were not given to the members received, but the pastors in the opinion of your committee were exonerated by the circumstances. The pastors of seven charges reported no collection for either Bible or Tract cause, all of whom say they do not regard it as an obligation to lift said collections, and that it was inconvenient to do so. One pastor reported no collection for Bible, Tract, Ministerial Education, or Seminary; and two none on assessment for Foreign Missions. One of the last two blending the assessment with the collection on Children's Day; and the other was pastor of a charge which contributed nearly \$250 to Foreign Missions through Children's Day Services and the W. F. M. Society; and he has in hand a small amount received too late to be reported on assessment in Official Report. In none of the cases mentioned does your committee find a bar to the passage of official character, unless it be a bar to neglect to take the collection for Bible and Tract cause.

The pastor who failed to take collections for Ministerial Education and Seminary is not a member of the Conference.

JAMES T. LASSELL, *Chairman.*

## R.

### REPORT OF THE FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.

1. We recommend the ordination of George M. Clayton, George W. Hines, Wm. B. Judefind, Emanuel Pierce, Wm. H. Litsinger and Henry E. Nelson.
2. We recommend for reception into the itinerancy John F. Bryan, Nicholas I. Gibson, Frank A. Holland, Edward D. Stone and George H. Stocksdales.
3. We report of the First Year's Class that H. E. Bennington, J. F. Bryan, C. E. Dryden, F. A. Holland, H. O. Keen, G. A. Morris, G. H. Stocksdales, A. N. Ward and H. F. Wright were all marked 100 in Pope's Theology, and with H. O. Keen, G. A. Morris and A. N. Ward were also marked 100 in Methodist Protestant Church History, were passed to the Second Year. W. R. McKnett was continued in the First Year's Class.
4. We report of the Second Year's Class that W. H. Litsinger and H. E. Nelson, with F. L. Stevens and Paul M. Strayer, who were given 100 each in Sacred Geography, were passed to the Third Year. F. S. Cain, H. L. Schlincke and T. H. Wright were continued in the Second Year's Class.
5. We report of the Third Year's Class that J. M. Brown, G. M. Clayton, G. W. Hines, G. J. Hill, W. B. Judefind, E. C. Makosky, C. P. Nowlin, E. Pierce and G. L. Wolf were passed through the course. E. C. Makosky was marked 100 in Theology. J. M. Brown, G. M. Clayton, G. J. Hill and E. Pierce were marked 100 in Miller's Christian Ministry. T. P. Revelle was at his own request continued in the Third Year's Class.
6. We report of the Introductory Class that N. O. Gibson and E. D. Stone were passed to the First Year, and that Reuben S. Stevens was received as a student and placed in the Introductory Class.
7. We recommend Rev. C. P. Goodrich for employment by the President of the Conference, if his services can be profitably used.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President.*

### ADDITIONAL REPORT OF THE FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.

1. We recommend James Henry Stauffer to the Board of Ministerial Education for aid.
2. We recommend Herbert F. Wright and Harvey E. Bennington for reception into the itinerancy.
3. We report that F. S. Cain and H. L. Schlincke are passed into the Third Year's Class on condition that they each appear before the examiner on Church History before the first of September and pass in that study.
4. We do not recommend G. W. Jester for reception into the itinerancy.
5. We report adversely on the application for orders in the cases of C. E. Dryden, E. D. Stone and A. N. Ward, because of disciplinary provision.

6. We recommend the ordination of Harvey E. Bennington if he should be returned to Chincoteague.

7. Whereas, Rev. J. M. Yingling has done and said things which by his own admission reflected upon the Methodist Protestant Church, and his loyalty thereto: and whereas, he has acknowledged his error, and expressed voluntarily his sorrow for the same, and has affirmed his unwavering loyalty to the Methodist Protestant Church, and has requested us to make a statement of these facts, both for the credit of the Church and himself; therefore we comply with his request, hoping that in the future he may be able to speak and act with that discretion and wisdom which should ever characterize a Minister of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Methodist Protestant Church.

8. We report concerning the Summer Conference by having the Secretary of the Faculty read the minutes before the Annual Conference, and recommend the holding of a similar Conference next summer, provided free entertainment can be secured, and that all arrangements for said meeting be placed in the hands of T. H. Lewis, J. S. Bowers and W. M. Strayer, and that the students be required to attend.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President.*

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**S.**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.**

Your committee on Education beg leave to report as follows:

We have carefully considered the report of Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., President of Western Maryland College, and congratulate him and the Church upon the steady and gratifying progress of the college, the numerical increase of its patronage, the development of its facilities and the growth of its resources. It is one of the institutions of the Church that succeeds.

We commend that part of the report which asks for information of possible students. Ministers can do much by commending the institution to the people in their several charges, and especially by putting the President of the college in communication with people who are contemplating a college course for their children.

The gift of libraries, and the bequest of Rev. A. H. Trumbo, D. D., indicate an increased interest in the institution, but we think that all our pastors should exercise their influence among their respective charges, to call attention to the importance of liberally increasing the very small endowment fund now possessed by the college. This is a matter of such importance that an effort should be made for such an endowment as will put the college upon a basis that will make it the pride of the whole Church.

The committee would also recognize the object of the President's remarks supplementing his report, and commend to the sympathy and co-operation of the Conference the erection of a college auditorium.

2. Your committee has carefully examined the report of the Board of Governors of the Westminster Seminary, and cordially commend it for its



candor and frankness. But we regret to say that we are unable to offer a solution of the difficult problems it suggests. But while we cannot offer suggestions that seem to us adequate, we do think this is an institution that ought to be fostered and supported by the Church and made useful and effective in the education of ministers. We commend the report of the Board of Governors, and insert it as a part of this report in the hope that the wisdom of the Conference may be able to devise methods that will make it all that we need in the development of our church work.

REPORT OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

In making our annual report we are compelled to place in the forefront two forbidding features: a deficit of over six hundred dollars; and empty Seminary halls during the year. With reference to the deficit, it may be said that it is attributable to a default of the Conference to redeem the pledge made two years ago to raise \$900 additional to the sum provided for the salary of the President, for the purpose of sustaining a member of this Conference in a Seminary Chair. As to the second feature, the empty halls, it would suggest discouragement, failure, waste of money in salaries paid to those who had nothing to do. It is but just, therefore, that the situation should be carefully studied to form an intelligent judgment of what has been done, and what should be done.

After years of observation of the practical results of the Seminary arrangements, we found that the character of its work was neither satisfactory to the management nor to the Church. It was no longer deemed wise or expedient to put into the Seminary youths who were untutored in English, and whose minds, for lack of training, were unprepared to profit by the Seminary course. In general those who were sent to us would have found a more fitting place in a grammar school than in a Theological Seminary, dazed at the contemplation of Greek and Hebrew verbs. In consequence they came out of the school without proficiency in their own tongue or any other, and quite as little in theology. This was disparaging the Seminary through some who went from it into the ministry; and was humiliating to those worthy graduates who, going into the Seminary duly prepared, came out well qualified for the work of the ministry.

To correct this evil, it was determined to raise the standard of requirements of those who should be admitted. It was certain that this would exclude for a time the majority of the candidates. These were to be put in the college classes until duly prepared for the Seminary course. As a consequence, during the current year all the candidates for the ministry have been in the college. Next year probably five students thus prepared will enter the Seminary, and we may hope this class may in succeeding years be followed by classes in numbers annually increasing. Thus it may take but two or three years to demonstrate that this year of inaction will have resulted in a much better equipped class of young men in our ministry, and giving the Seminary a higher standing in the estimation of our people.

The present situation is perplexing. The President of the Seminary, as

well as the Board of Governors, realizes that the institution needs a more vigorous and enterprising management ; and he is ready at any time to give place to one who may be found available who has the requisite qualifications. We need for President a man of vigor and with talent for affairs, combined with requisite theological and literary qualifications, and he to be aided by competent teachers. As neither the men nor the means is at command at present, we are straitened by the environment. Two brethren are doing what they can to keep the work of the institution going, and can, with the other members of the Faculty, do the teaching required at present. Their services are at command until the way opens for re-arrangement of the Faculty. Unless the Conference can make better provision—and the Board is ready to accept it if made—we will avail ourselves of the offer of Drs. Ward and Bates.

We would call your attention to the fact that we find the work of ministerial education greatly hindered by Conferences taking students out of the Seminary into the ministry before they have completed the prescribed course of studies, and releasing them from obligations voluntarily assumed on obtaining aid from the Board of Ministerial Education. This matter deserves the careful consideration of Conference. We also suggest that more care is needed in examining into the natural and acquired qualifications of young men applying for recommendation to the Board of Ministerial Education for aid, and a higher grade than has heretofore been deemed sufficient be required.

We call attention to the duty of the Conference at this session to elect five persons as members of the Board of Governors of Westminster Seminary.

Your committee is of the opinion that the time has come when the Methodist Protestant Church should face the problem of the call and the education of ministers as never before. In the President's annual report at the Conference session of 1895 these sentences occur :

“The need of young men in our ministry is constant. As the fathers in age and feebleness drop the trumpet we want the young men of our households to take it up and continue the good tidings to the world . . . We must recruit our ranks chiefly from our own churches.”

We, the Committee on Education, desire to accentuate these words, and hereby respectfully suggest to the Conference that annually hereafter on the third Sunday in September in each year that that day be set apart as a special service by the Church for prayer for recruits to the ranks of the ministers, and that Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., and Rev. L. W. Bates, D. D., of the Seminary, and Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., of the College, be appointed a committee to prepare an address on the call to the ministry, which discourse the ministers of this Conference are hereby requested to present to their respective congregations on the day above mentioned, the object of the day and the meeting on said day being to attract, in the proper way, the attention of the young people to the subject of entering the ministry.

We recommend that the Conference express sympathy to the Kansas City University.



The old Board of Governors elected by motion.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. TAGG, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

*To the Maryland Annual Conference :*

I have the honor to submit my tenth annual report to this Conference as the President of Western Maryland College.

There is much cheering news to tell of the present year, notwithstanding the generally depressing condition of the business world. We have enrolled two hundred and seventy students. Our present graduating class numbers thirty-eight. We have completed several new buildings, adding greatly to the comfort and beauty of our equipment. Several timely gifts have encouraged our heart. One bequest has been probated to us; and the general work at the college has never gone on more pleasantly or seemingly with better results. All these things make us grateful and increase our responsibility. The work at Western Maryland College is now of such proportions and the interests involved so serious and widespreading that no man can contemplate it without deep misgivings as to his sufficiency and a constant sense of his need of the prayers and sympathy of his brethren. This sympathy should take, and I believe generally does take, the form of active co-operation on the part of members of this Conference in giving the President information of possible students, in words of commendation to those who do not know the college so well, and in any active effort asked of them to promote college interests. I hope the brethren will continue this interest, and I trust they may feel that their confidence is not misplaced. We shall need much active effort this year to secure students. So large a graduating class means an unusual decrease in next year's roll, and I shall greatly appreciate any correspondence ministers may undertake with me in regard to new students.

During the present year we have completed three new buildings: Ward Hall, taken down and re-constructed into one of the most attractive dormitory buildings in the State; Baker Chapel, the gift of Mr. W. G. Baker, and a professor's house. We have received a sum of money sufficient to fill memorial cases in our library from three ladies, one from Mrs. C. C. Bowen, of Baltimore; one from Mrs. E. M. Shepherd, of West Virginia; and one from Miss M. M. Biling, of Washington. This example is commended earnestly to the attention of other ladies friendly to the college. For the sum of two hundred dollars a very good case of books can be placed in the library, making a valuable aid to us in our work, while at the same time affording an easy and a pleasant way to connect the names of its friends with the college in a permanent way. I hope the suggestion will be remembered not only by individuals but by societies, &c., as well.

The late Rev. A. H. Trumbo, of Springfield, Ohio, bequeathed some property to the college which has not yet come into our possession, but is, I suppose, likely to come, although our experience with bequests has not been

encouraging. We have too few of them made, and those made, owing to legal defects, have not been realized. If friends who have this matter in prospect would confer with us we think we could promise to keep their secret and perhaps secure the carrying out of their wishes. Is it not strange that a college that has lived and grown for thirty years and has survived the death of a thousand of its friends should have never received a dollar from any last will and testament?

You will not regard it out of place, I think, that this report should take a glance backward over the ten years just completed. In that time the student roll has grown from one hundred and fifteen to two hundred and seventy, an increase of over one hundred and thirty per cent. Ten new buildings have been erected, besides various minor improvements, involving an expenditure close to one hundred thousand dollars, which has been provided for out of the earnings of the school, except fifteen thousand dollars given to us by friends whose names have been mentioned in previous reports; and there is at this time a debt of fifteen thousand dollars. In this time also the reputation of the school has been widened and strengthened. Our graduates take rank in the universities with the best. They are admitted without examination into the senior classes of such colleges as Yale and Princeton, and in Harvard, Cornell and Johns Hopkins they have won first honors in post-graduate studies. Our friends are hopeful, our students enthusiastic, and everything seems to point to a greater future. For all this we give praise to God who has led us from the first and continues to bless our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS.

T.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE STEWARD.

GENERAL INTERESTS.

	<i>Assessed.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>	<i>Decrease.</i>	<i>Increase.</i>
Bible.....	\$ .....	\$ 463 35	\$ .....	\$ 99 37
Tract.....	.....	430 33	22 47	.....
Conference.....	380 00	277 65	5 35	.....
Theological Seminary....	1,923 00	1,475 08	.....	64 71
Ministerial Education....	632 00	964 71	.....	55 88
Superannuates.....	3,864 00	2,788 22	.....	168 02
Church Extension.....	4,500 00	2,949 31	.....	33 68
General Home Missions...	1,449 00	1,035 68	146 92	.....
Foreign Missions.....	2,898 00	6,321 56	.....	514 86
Total.....	\$15,646 00	\$16,705 89	\$174 74	\$939 52
Net Increase, \$764.78.				

## LOCAL INTERESTS.

	<i>Assessed.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>	<i>Deficiency.</i>	<i>Increase.</i>
President's Salary.....	\$ 2,415 00	\$ 2,371 20	\$43 80	.....
Pastor's Salaries.....	66,009 33	66,950 37	.....	\$941 04
Rental Value of Parsonage .....		11,393 00	.....	56 00
Current Expenses.....	.....	30,502 02	.....	.....
Building and Improvements. ....		42,376 23	.....	9,306 87
Paid on Debt.....	.....	13,689 76	.....	.....
Special.....	.....	1,649 67	.....	1,649 67

Total amount, \$168,822.25. Net Increase, \$3,983.84.

Total for all purposes, \$175,528.14. Increase of \$10,679.53 over last year.

We recommend, that Rule 29 of Manual be so changed as to permit the election of the Board of Stewards, one session to serve the following session of Conference, and that the Conference Steward be authorized to appoint an assistant.

We also recommend that the Board of Stewards be authorized to draft suitable blanks for tabulating their respective reports, and that they submit the same to the Secretary of the Conference to be printed.

LOUIS RANDALL, *Conference Steward.*

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## U.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee respectfully report as follows:

1. Since we believe that the Bible contains the principles and the divinely appointed code of morals for the government of the individual, social and political life of the people; and that the Church is the divinely appointed agency for the publishing of these principles and this code of morals, therefore we affirm that it is the legitimate province and sacred duty of the pulpit and the religious press to instruct the public mind and conscience in the absolute and comprehensive authority of this divine law. To discuss, expose, condemn, and seek to remove all moral evils, though these evils are tolerated by civil constitutions and have rallied political organizations to their support. The pulpit and the religious press must stand for the laws, the warnings, and the proclamations of Heaven, and cannot be fettered by fear or bribed to silence. As we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the Gospel, even so we must speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

2. The political duties of the Christian citizen are to be performed with the same sense of responsibility to God as must control the other departments of his life. He dare not be less conscientious in his prerogatives and responsibilities as a citizen of the State than in his domestic, social and business relations. The dominion of the Law of God extends to the whole life of man, with all its activities and responsibilities.

3. The ballot, which is the source of all law and government in our be-

loved country, must be used by the Christian voter for the overthrow of moral and political evils, for the enthronement of righteousness, for the establishment of wholesome social conditions, and for the conservation of whatsoever is wise and beneficent in government; these objects being always paramount to the claims of partisan fealty.

4. The traffic in intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes is essentially an evil. It supplies no need of men: it serves no concern of society; it returns nothing good for the millions of the people's money it receives. On the other hand it caters to depraved appetites and passions; it is a mighty wrecker of health, of home, of fortune, of character and of hope,—the most effectual instrument for hindering the Gospel and destroying the bodies and souls of men.

5. All the schemes of licensing the liquor traffic are wrong in principle, and have proven insufficient to stay its ravages, while the revenue derived from such license makes the government the patrons of the traffic, partners in its gains, and to that extent responsible for the evils it entails.

6. Moral suasion in the home, the school and the church, and legal suppression by the State of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages, are the true methods of dealing with this monstrous evil.

7. We repeat and emphasize the utterance of a former report adopted by this Conference that signing a liquor license application, or renting property for the sale of intoxicating liquors, is inconsistent with the principles of our Church and should be a bar to membership in it.

8. Being advised that a Constitutional Convention is to be held in the State of Delaware this year, and that the friends of temperance will endeavor to secure a provision in the new Constitution prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, we express fullest sympathy with such efforts and call upon all our people within the borders of that State to assist the commendable movement.

9. We recommend that a Temperance Anniversary be held on Tuesday evening before the annual sessions of this Conference, and that the President shall appoint the chairman and one or more speakers for these meetings.

10. We have received an invitation from the American Anti-Saloon League to send delegates to the National Convention under the auspices of this organization to be held in Washington, D. C., December 8th to 10th, 1896. Being in full sympathy with the declared purpose of this League, viz: "*The Suppression of the Saloon*," we recommend that the President of this Conference be hereby instructed to appoint two delegates to this National Convention. This action shall not be considered as an endorsement of methods in advance, but a declaration of our readiness to co-operate in all practical and wise endeavors to free our land of the curse of the liquor traffic.

B. F. BENSON, *Chairman*.

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## V

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:

1. That according to the report of the Conference Steward the sum of

\$163.35 has been raised on the District for the Maryland Bible Society, to which amount may be added \$200 donated by Mrs. T. A. Reese and \$100 by Gen. Thomas, of Easton, Md., making a total of \$463.35. We recommend that J. M. Gill, J. A. Wright, J. L. Elderdice, R. K. Lewis, J. W. Kirk and E. O. Ewing be made life directors of said society.

2. The Conference Steward also reports that \$231.31 has been raised on the District for the Maryland Tract Society, to which is to be added a donation of \$200 from Mrs. T. A. Reese, making a total of \$431.31. We recommend that G. W. Hines, S. F. Cassen, G. J. Smith and F. T. Benson be made life directors, and that C. E. Dryden be made a life member of said society.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. T. Ewell, *Chairman.*

## W.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

1. We have carefully inquired concerning the condition of the charges receiving aid from the Conference, and we rejoice to have found evidences of prosperity in a number of instances.

Potomac Circuit kept its pledge of last year, and has now under construction a church to cost \$3,000.

Chincoteague is building a parsonage.

Patapsco Circuit is making arrangements to build a new church.

Fairfax Circuit will complete its new church this year.

The floating debt at Dover has been paid.

North Baltimore asks for a reduction of its appropriation.

We have read with interest the report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society, and find that the work under the care of that Society is in an encouraging condition.

2. We recommend that the request of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society, that the collections raised by the Baltimore churches be paid to the Treasurer of the City Extension Society, be granted, and that pastors be appointed to Waverly and Bethany under the direction and control of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society.

3. We recommend the following changes in boundaries:

That Bethel Church, Montgomery county, be made a separate charge and be supplied by the President.

4. That Bethel appointment, Sussex Circuit, be attached to Seaford.

5. That Waltersville, Quantico Circuit, be made a separate charge.

6. That Nichols' Memorial be attached to Holly Run Circuit.

7. That Providence be attached to Union Circuit.

8. That Harmony Grove, Lewistown and Catoclin, of Jefferson Circuit, be under a separate charge to be known as Lewistown Circuit.

9. That Buckeystown, Lime Kiln and Jefferson constitute a charge, to be known as Jefferson Circuit.

10. That Salem be taken from Warwick Circuit and attached to Clayton Circuit; Clayton to be supplied with two pastors.

11. That Towson appointment be attached to Baltimore Circuit and be supplied with two pastors.

12. That we recommend an assessment of \$200 be laid on the District for Evergreen, and that the President be authorized to supply it with a single man.

13. We recommend: That the action of the Quarterly Conference of Queen Anne's Circuit, in dropping Ridgely appointment, be not approved.

14. That Belair Circuit be supplied with two pastors.

15. That the President investigate the condition of All Saints Church, Howard county, and that it be sold, if in his judgment it is deemed wise.

16. That the name of Barren Creek Circuit be changed to Mardela.

17. That Fox Hill be supplied.

18. We recommend the following appropriations:

Parksley, \$150; Chincoteague, \$75; Patapsco, \$100; Queen Anne's, \$50; Quantico, \$100; Second Church, Wilmington, \$75; Potomac, \$75; Fairfax, \$100; First Church, Wilmington, \$50; Hurlocks, \$75; Frederica, \$100; Mardela, \$75; Dover, \$200; Reliance, \$50; St. Michael's, \$50; Christ Church, \$200; Wye, \$100; Crumpton, \$100; Middleway, \$150; North Baltimore, \$450—if supplied by a single man, \$200; Baltimore, \$75; Warwick, \$100; Evergreen, \$200. Total, \$2,700.

J. W. KIRK, *Chairman*.

## X.

### REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL STEWARD.

Report of Educational Steward for the year beginning April, 1895, and ending April, 1896:

#### SEMINARY.

Amount assessed on District.....	\$1,923 00
"    paid.....	1,375 08

Deficit.....	\$547 92
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In addition to the amount named above for current expenses of Seminary, Georgetown, D. C., contributed \$100 for Endowment Fund.

#### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Amount assessed on District.....	\$632 00
"    paid        "    .....	534 71

Deficit.....	\$97 29
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The Seminary money was paid to Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D. The money for Ministerial Education was paid to Rev. J. C. Berrien, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education. In addition to the amount named above as paid to the Board of Ministerial Education for general distribution, St. John's Independent Methodist Church is educating young men and women

at Western Maryland College at a cost of about \$400 per year, and Alnutt Memorial made a special contribution of \$30 for a particular case. Itemized account will appear in the Conference Steward's report.

H. S. JOHNSON, *Educational Steward.*

## Y.

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Board of Finance submits the following report:

We have examined the statements of the agent of the President's Parsonage and also the financial report of the Secretary of the Conference, compared them with the vouchers, and find them correct.

We also report the accompanying tables of assessments for the general interests of the Church, including the assessments made for General Conference expenses.

The Board respectfully submits the following recommendation, viz:

That the amounts assessed and the amounts paid for President's salary be embodied in the published table of collections for general interests, and that both the amounts assessed and the amounts paid on assessments for Foreign Missions appear in the same table. This will make it easier to compare and harmonize amounts *assessed* and amounts *paid*.

The Board also respectfully recommends that the *aggregate* amounts paid for Foreign Missions from Children's Day, the W. F. M. Society and other sources, apart from Conference assessments for Foreign Missions, be placed in the table of collections for general interests in a separate column. This can be done by using smaller type or by omitting ciphers from the columns of assessments in the tables of collections, and that the amounts assessed and paid for President's salary be continued in the table of collections for local interests.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. POISAL, *Chairman.*

## Z.

### PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

		YRS.
Accomac.....	Avery Donovan,	1. ✓
Amelia.....	W. B. Judefind,	2. ✓
Alexandria.....	F. T. Benson,	4. ✓
Baltimore.....	T. H. Wright,	2. (One to be supplied.) ✓
Bedford.....	R. S. Williamson,	2. ✓
Belair.....	S. B. Tredway,	1. (One to be supplied.) ✓
Bethel.....	To be supplied.	✓
Broadway.....	F. H. Lewis,	3. ✓
Bethany.....	J. F. Bryan,	1. ✓
Brooklyn.....	B. A. Dumm,	1. ✓
Cambridge.....	C. S. Arnett,	2. ✓



Caroline.....	H. W. D. Johnson, 1.	<i>Oyden</i>
Campbell.....	To be supplied.	<i>Melvin</i>
Cecil.....	A. W. Mather, 1.	✓
Central.....	S. J. Smith, 4.	<i>Greenfield</i>
Centreville.....	G. W. Haddaway, 3.	✓
Chesapeake.....	C. K. McCaslim, 2.	✓
Chestertown.....	J. M. Gill, 1.	✓
Christ Church.....	W. H. Litsinger, 1.	✓
Clayton.....	B. F. Jester, 2. (One to be supplied.)	<i>Nichol</i>
Concord.....	J. W. Parris, 4.	<i>Samp</i>
Conquest.....	G. D. Edmondson, 2.	<i>Walden</i>
Crisfield.....	R. S. Rowe, 1.	✓
Crumpton.....	J. G. Sullivan, 2.	<i>Samson</i>
Cumberland.....	Louis Randall, 1.	<i>Wright</i>
Chincoteague.....	H. E. Bennington, 2.	✓
Delmar.....	J. A. Wright, 4.	✓
Deer Creek.....	C. H. Littleton, 4.	✓
Deer Park.....	G. J. Hill, 1.	✓
Delta.....	R. L. Lewis, 1.	<i>McCall</i>
Dorchester.....	C. M. Cullom, 1.	✓
Dover.....	T. P. Revelle, 2.	✓
East Baltimore.....	J. M. Sheridan, 2.	✓
Easton.....	W. M. Poisal, 2.	✓
Elizabeth.....	J. W. Trout, 4.	<i>Shelley</i>
Eutaw.....	J. W. Gray, 1.	✓
Fairfax.....	H. F. Wright, 1.	✓
Fawn Grove.....	J. T. Lassell, 1.	✓
Fairview.....	Frank Holland, 2.	<i>Nelson</i>
Finksburg.....	S. M. Coe, 4.	✓
First Church.....	G. Q. Bacchus, 5; David Wilson, supernumerary, 1.	<i>Evans</i>
Fox Hill.....	To be supplied.	<i>Stoche</i>
Franklin City.....	A. S. Beane, 5.	<i>Hayden</i>
Frederick.....	G. F. Faring, 3.	✓
Felton.....	H. L. Schlincke, 1.	<i>Taylor</i>
Frederica.....	E. B. Taylor, 1.	<i>Myers</i>
Georgetown, D. C.....	W. S. Hammond, 1.	✓
Georgetown, Del.....	J. H. S. Ewell, 3.	<i>Judge</i>
Grove.....	E. O. Ewing, 2.	<i>Boan</i>
Greenwood.....	Dorsey Blake, 2.	<i>Neef</i>
Hampden.....	J. B. Jones, 2; N. O. Gibson, 1.	<i>James</i>
Harper's Ferry.....	A. A. Harryman, 2.	<i>Amott</i>
Harrington.....	J. L. Straughn, 3.	✓
Heathsville.....	J. H. Dougherty, 6.	✓
Howard.....	W. J. Floyd, 4.	✓
Hurlocks.....	G. M. Clayton, 1.	✓
Holly Run.....	J. F. Wooden, 1.	✓



Jefferson.....	W. M. Strayer,	5. ✓	
Kennedyville.....	Jesse Shreeve,	2. ✓	
Kemptown.....	A. D. Dick,	2. ✓	St. John
Kent Island.....	E. S. Fooks,	1. ✓	
Indian River.....	To be supplied.	✓	
Laurel.....	F. C. Klein,	2. ✓	
Leipsic.....	To be supplied.		
Lewistown.....	Emanuel Pierce,	1. ✓	
Liberty.....	W. D. Litsinger,	1. ✓	
Lisbon.....	B. P. Truitt,	1. ✓	
Lynchburg.....	E. A. Warfield,	2. ✓	
Mardela.....	A. H. Green,	1. ✓	
Mariner's.....	S. A. Hoblitzell,	1. ✓	St. John
Middleway.....	F. L. Stevens,	1. ✓	
Milton.....	G. R. Hodge,	2. ✓	
Mount Tabor.....	H. E. Nelson,	1. ✓	St. John
Mount Nebo.....	G. J. Smith,	1. ✓	St. John
Marley.....	F. S. Cain,	1. ✓	
Newark.....	L. R. Dyott,	7. ✓	
North Carolina Avenue....	B. B. James,	1. ✓	St. John
New Market.....	S. F. Cassen,	1. ✓	
North Baltimore.....	A. N. Ward, 1; E. J. Drinkhouse, supernumerary,	1. ✓	
Oxford.....	J. W. Balderston,	2. ✓	
Oak Grove.....	W. W. White,	1. ✓	St. John
Prince George.....	To be supplied.		
Parksley.....	E. D. Stone,	1. ✓	
Pipe Creek.....	B. W. Kindley,	1. ✓	
Pittsville.....	C. P. Nowlin,	1. ✓	St. John
Pocomoke.....	G. R. Donaldson,	2. ✓	St. John
Pocomoke City.....	H. L. Elderdice,	5. ✓	St. John
Powellsville.....	Elmer Simpson,	1. ✓	St. John
Patapsco.....	To be supplied.		
Payson-Street.....	George Hines,	2. ✓	
Potomac.....	J. W. Norris,	3. ✓	
Quantico.....	H. S. Johnson,	1. ✓	
Queen Anne's.....	J. M. Brown,	1. ✓	St. John
Reliance.....	A. J. Walter,	3. ✓	St. John
Rowlandsville.....	J. E. Maloy,	3. ✓	St. John
Remington.....	H. O. Keene,	2. ✓	St. John
St. James'.....	J. L. Mills,	5. ✓	St. John
St. John's.....	C. E. Dryden,	2. ✓	St. John
St. Michael's.....	W. S. Phillips,	4. ✓	St. John
St. Luke's.....	W. J. Neepier,	5. ✓	St. John
Salisbury.....	L. F. Warner,	1. ✓	St. John
Seaford.....	J. L. Elderdice,	1. ✓	St. John
Snow Hill.....	J. E. Nicholson,	2. ✓	St. John

Salem.....	R. K. Lewis,	1.	✓
South Baltimore.....	J. E. T. Ewell,	1.	✓
Starr.....	F. T. Little,	8.	✓
Stewartstown.....	E. C. Makosky,	1.	✓
Susquehanna.....	F. H. Mullineaux,	1.	✓
Sussex.....	G. R. McCready,	1.	✓
Talbot.....	G. H. Stocksdales,	1.	✓ Day heart
Trinity.....	D. W. Anstine,	1.	✓
Tyreeanna.....	To be supplied.		
Union.....	J. M. Yingling,	2.	✓ gester
Union Bridge.....	J. J. Murray,	6.	✓
Waltersville.....	W. R. McKnett,	1.	✓ white
Warwick.....	C. E. McCullough,	1.	✓
Washington-Street (Alnutt Memorial).....	John M. Holmes,	1.	✓ Puri
Waverly.....	L. A. Bennett,	3.	✓
West Baltimore.....	J. W. Kirk,	4.	✓
Westminster.....	W. R. Graham,	1.	✓
Williamsport.....	To be supplied.		
Wilmington.....	G. L. Wolfe,	1.	✓
West Wilmington.....	G. A. Morris,	3.	✓ Hella
Wye.....	B. F. Benson,	3.	✓ R. Lewis

Left without appointment at own request—Q. L. Morrow, 2.

President of the Western Maryland College—T. H. Lewis, 11.

President of Theological Seminary—J. T. Ward, 11.

Professor in Seminary—L. W. Bates, 4.

Editor of *Methodist Protestant*—F. T. Tagg, 5.

Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions—A. D. Melvin, 1.

#### LOANED.

First Church, Pittsburg—D. L. Greenfield, 3.

Board Foreign Missions—E. H. Vandyke, 7.

St. John's, Baltimore—J. S. Bowers, 6.

Chatsworth, Baltimore—T. O. Crouse, 7.

Maryland Tract Society—J. T. Murray, 7.

Superannuates—J. W. Everest, 29; S. B. Southerland, 12; R. S. Norris, 9  
H. J. Day, 27; J. A. Weigand, 4; W. J. D. Lucas, 6; J. L. Killgore, 5; W.  
A. Crouse, 4; H. C. Cushing, 2; W. J. Holmes, 2; J. R. Nichols, 1.

#### AA.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Literature respectfully presents the following report:

1st. We regret even the slight falling off in the subscription list of the *Methodist Protestant* as noted in the report of the Book Directory, but attribute it to the stringency of the times. To meet this case we respectfully suggest to the liberal-hearted among our people to place funds in the hands

of the Editor to pay the subscriptions of good people in our congregations who would continue their subscriptions if they were able to do so.

2nd. We also earnestly request all our people both ministerial and lay to use their best endeavors to increase the number of subscribers to the *Methodist Protestant* and to *patronize our own Book Concern*. If all will conscientiously do this the result would be a *large* addition to the receipts of the Directory.

3rd. Your committee cheerfully endorses that part of the report of the Directory which is commendatory of the Book Agent and the Editor of the *Methodist Protestant* for their faithful and earnest efforts in behalf of these interests of the Church, and that we commend them to the General Conference for re-election.

4th. Your committee also heartily endorses all that part of the report of the Directory which relates to the proposition of the North Carolina Conference to consolidate our publishing interests; emphasizing, especially, the closing resolution. And we further say that while we have no more proprietary or legal rights in the Baltimore Concern than any other Conference, yet the equities of the case, as recited in the report under consideration, are such as to justify the Maryland Annual Conference in declaring that no scheme contemplating the consolidation of our publishing interests appears feasible or as having any prospect of advantage.

5th. In conclusion your committee would call attention to the fact that *The History of Methodist Reform*, by Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, D. D., is practically finished and will be presented to the coming General Conference for its acceptance. When published it will consist of two octavo volumes of about 600 pages each. The material for this work was gathered through long years of editorial toil, by careful selection, but the work of arranging, systematizing and writing has been accomplished within the past four years. We therefore take pleasure in commending the work to the General Conference and the Church, not only as a complete vindication of our Methodism, but as a standard history of Methodism in general.

H. C. CUSHING, *Chairman*.

#### REPORT OF THE BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY.

A full and particular report, as required by Discipline, will be made to the General Conference which will meet in May next. Though there is no provision in law for a report to this body, yet in view of its special interest in the Book Concern and Periodical, we have been pleased to communicate to the Conference annually a general statement of the condition of our publishing interests.

We are enabled to report about an average condition. The receipts from book sales show a falling off as compared with last year. This decrease may be reasonably attributed to the generally depressed state of business. But even under the most favorable circumstances they are so meagre as to make manifest that our ministers, as well as our members, do not appreciate the importance of patronizing their own, in preference to other bookstores.

We had hoped that the encouraging response made at the Conference

session of one year ago, to the appeal made by Daniel Baker, representative of the Book Directory, would have enabled us to report at this time a large increase in the number of subscribers to the *Methodist Protestant*. Though a sufficient number of individuals then and there pledged themselves to secure new subscribers, to the extent in the aggregate of five hundred, instead of an increase, we have regretfully to report a decrease. Of those who made pledges at the time referred to, some have redeemed their promises in full, others in part. We believe all have done their best to secure the required number of subscribers; we hope they will try again.

The circulation of our Sunday-school literature shows a gratifying increase of 1,350 over that of last year. The increase of profits from this source, and some incidental gains, cover all losses, and leave a net profit for the year. It is gratifying as a result, that we have been enabled to pay to the Editor \$200 additional salary, and to add about \$200 to our capital. We are assured these facts will be gratifying to the Conference, and stimulate us all to rally our forces for a larger and more generous support of our Book Concern and Periodical.

The suggestion of the last Annual Conference regarding the issuing of a business card for the use of purchasers at the store of W. J. C. Dulany, who might wish the Church to be benefitted by their purchases, was carefully considered and the editor and agent instructed to prepare a card, with full directions for its use, and to insert the same from week to week in the Church paper. This was done, and up to March 13, ultimo, only two of these cards have been used as designed.

In conclusion, we take pleasure in giving expression of the satisfactory manner in which the agent, W. J. C. Dulany, has managed the business affairs of the Book Concern and Periodical during the quadrennium now nearing a close—a business talent and fidelity to the interests of the Church, which, with more earnest and faithful co-operation on the part of the Church, would have made the financial results more in accordance with its ability to sustain its publishing interests.

We are also well pleased to pay a deserved tribute of praise to Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., for the good qualities he has shown in the editorial chair of the *Methodist Protestant*. We congratulate him and the Church, in that his conduct of the paper has given general satisfaction. With the advantage of four year's experience, he will be better qualified for future service; and if there be the added inspiration of a largely increased patronage, we may hope for a brighter future for our Church periodical.

The following preambles and resolution were unanimously adopted by the Directory, and ordered to be incorporated in the report:

WHEREAS, At the session of the North Carolina Conference of December, 1895, its Committee on Literature reported and the Conference endorsed the following proposition, viz:—"We recommend that a memorial to the General Conference be prepared requesting them to appoint a committee at its next session to investigate the feasibility of consolidating our publishing interests

and issuing one general organ; said committee to report at the time and in the manner designated by the General Conference;" and,

WHEREAS, Said Committee on Literature did further approve a plan for erecting a publishing house at Greensboro, N. C., for the local Conference paper, *Our Church Record*, looking to a Book Concern and Church paper for that section on a permanent basis, thereby leaving us to conclude that there can be but one meaning as to "consolidating our publishing interests and issuing one general organ," viz: the merging of the Baltimore Book Concern and official paper into that of Pittsburgh; and,

WHEREAS, Said Baltimore Concern and paper were established at a period coeval with the organization of the Church itself by the generosity and sacrifice principally of the ministry and laity in Maryland, and were perpetuated during the years of the Civil War in the interest of their patronizing Conferences by the uncompensated editorial service of Maryland Conference ministers and the devotion of the Maryland patrons of the *Methodist Protestant* and Book Concern; and,

WHEREAS, When the General Conference of 1854 approved a plan for an equitable division of its publishing interests on demand from the Western section of the Church, the Book Concern at Baltimore did on the finding of an impartial committee award *twenty-four hundred dollars* to the brethren of that section as their full equitable share, which sum was accepted and paid as a final and satisfactory settlement of the question involved, with the right to establish a Book Concern and official paper co-ordinate with that of Baltimore, each to be under the control and patronage of a convention of Conferences; and,

WHEREAS, When the General Conference of 1884 recommended the consolidation of the Sunday-school Literature under a separate editor and management, this literature at the time consisting of an aggregate circulation of the *Morning Guide* and the *Child's Recorder*, at Pittsburgh, of fifteen thousand copies, and of the four forms of the Bible School series on the International Lessons aggregating over fifty-eight thousand copies originated and issued at Baltimore, the Baltimore Concern did upon the urgent request and business offer of 33½ per cent. discount, for the privilege of exclusive publication, but according to the Baltimore Concern an equal agency and recognition in the publications, accept the proposal as a business compact not to be disturbed in its essential features except by mutual consent; and,

WHEREAS, We possess reliable information that any change in the essential features of the existing "Board of Publication," under two Directories respectively at Baltimore and Pittsburgh, without the full consent of the former and the endorsement of the Maryland Conference, will imperil a large bequest made to said Maryland Conference, primarily in the interests of said *Methodist Protestant* and Book Concern. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we recommend that the Representatives of the Maryland Annual Conference, within whose territory the Baltimore Book Concern and *Methodist Protestant* have always been located, are hereby instructed to communicate this expression of concurrent opinion by the Baltimore Book

Directory and the Maryland Annual Conference, to the ensuing General Conference; and to protest against any scheme of consolidation that will impair the interests or jeopardize the continued existence of the *Methodist Protestant* and Book Concern, re-established by the General Conference of 1880, co-ordinately with that of the *Methodist Recorder* and the Pittsburgh Book Concern.

JOHN G. CLARKE, *President*.

F. T. LITTLE, *Secretary*.

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## RESOLUTIONS.

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1.

*Resolved*, That the President and Secretary of the Conference be, and are hereby, requested to communicate to Rev. R. S. Hulsart and family, to Bro. Gingle and the attending physicians of Pittsburg, Pa., our high appreciation of their kind attention to our dear brother, Rev. T. E. Coulbourn, in his last illness, and assure them of our sincere prayers to God for their faithful services in behalf of our brother, in the closing hours of his useful life.

2.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to assess upon the District the sum of \$1,350 for expenses of Representatives to the General Conference, and that the churches be requested to pay the money by May 10.

3.

*Resolved*, That the Conference request the manuscript of the sermon prepared by the late Rev. T. E. Coulbourn for publication in the Minutes, and request its publication in the *Methodist Protestant*.

4.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby, instructed to print with the Manual in the Minutes the Order of Business for Quarterly Conferences adopted by the Conference of 1894.

5.

*Resolved*, That the appointment of Rev. A. D. Melvin as Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society is highly gratifying to this Conference.

*Resolved*, That Bro. Melvin is hereby heartily and unanimously recommended to the General Conference as a suitable successor to our lamented Coulbourn.

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6.

WHEREAS, A responsible member of this Conference has agreed to meet all the expense of securing John G. Woolley for an address on "Christian Citizenship" at our next Conference session; therefore,

*Resolved*, That Dr. E. B. Fenby, Daniel Baker and Paul M. Strayer be appointed to arrange with Mr. Woolley for the Tuesday evening before Conference, set apart by the committee for a temperance anniversary.

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7.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Finance be, and is hereby, instructed to assess for Church Extension \$4,100.

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8.

*Resolved*, That this Conference authorize the assessment of last year, for the Seminary, and that the present arrangement be continued for another year.

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9.

WHEREAS, The daily and weekly press exerts a most potent influence in shaping current thought, and has become so mighty as a factor in the social life of the people; and,

WHEREAS, The proper education of the public mind and conscience is matter of such vital interest to all lovers of God and humanity; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we plead for the purification of the press, for a decent reticence concerning details of crime and social impurity and an elimination of those advertisements (both personal and medical) which invite to sin and cater to depraved curiosity and vicious tastes.

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10.

*Resolved*, That our Representatives to the General Conference be instructed to do all in their power to promote the establishment and success of the Kansas City University.



# OBITUARY.

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REV. JAMES K. NICHOLS, D. D.

James Kane Nichols was born in Berkeley county, Va., on the 18th day of July, 1817. His parents, John and Susanna Nichols, both esteemed for moral worth, were natives of the same county. In the sixteenth year of his life he became distinctively conscious of a spiritual change, and not long afterward, under a conviction that he had been called of God to the sacred work of the Christian ministry, he gave himself to a preparation for that important work. The church of his choice, at that early day, had not provided facilities for the instruction of candidates for the ministry, but the circuit system then in vogue was in an important sense a training school, profiting by which many young men became able and efficient ministers of the Gospel. A few months spent in an academy in Libertytown, Md., with opportunities to exercise his gifts in the prayer-meeting and class-room, and the conversation of experienced ministers and elder brethren of good repute, completed his preliminary preparation, and in April, 1836, he was deemed by the Maryland Conference a suitable person to be sent to Baltimore Circuit as assistant to Rev. George D. Hamilton, in the phraseology of the day, superintendent of the circuit. The next year he was sent to Sussex and Dorchester Circuit, Rev. John W. Everist, superintendent. He was not ordained deacon until he had served three years, owing to his youth, but in 1840 he was ordained elder and made superintendent of Cumberland Circuit, which then embraced the territory now included in Cumberland Station and Bedford Circuit. His subsequent appointments included several stations and a number of the most important circuits. In some of his charges he was more successful than in others, but everywhere he was a diligent, faithful and exemplary pastor, adding seals to his ministry in sinners converted and believers edified and comforted.

In 1863 he was elected President of the Maryland Conference. Three successive elections, all the law at that time allowed, testified the estimation in which his brethren held his official service. In 1869 he received from Columbian College, in Washington, D. C., the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. In 1871 he became Vice-President of Western Maryland College. After a service of four years in this institution, he became pastor of Liberty Circuit, doing good work until 1880, when, at his own request, he was granted the relation of a superannuate. In this relation he made himself useful, doing what he could for the circuit and its successive pastors, until, on the 5th

day of May, 1895, after some months of failing health, his life work done, he entered into the rest that remains for the people of God.

Dr. Nichols was a man of medium stature, fair complexion, light hair and blue eyes. In his early days he was slender; as years advanced, and notably while he was President of the Conference, he became corpulent; but in the latter part of his life he became slender again, in marked contrast with his appearance a few years before. He was of gentle spirit, kind, companionable, cheerful, sympathetic, moving easily in all circles of society, winning the respect and affection of all classes and conditions of people, never failing to impress those that knew him with a conviction of his sincerity and earnest endeavor to conform himself to the highest type of human character. There was no needless austerity in his manner to repel the young and joyous, while he maintained a dignity of deportment that commended him to the aged and those whose experience compelled them to consider life in its more severe aspects.

Dr. Nichols married, July 6, 1841, Mrs. Harriet Matilda Hynson, of Kent county, Maryland. After a happy married life of about eight years he was left a widower with one son, several other children having died before their mother. The son, John Carvil Hynson Nichols, a bright and promising boy, did not long remain to cheer his father, but was also called away, June 12, 1855. Dr. Nichols married again, Miss Mary Riner, of Frederick county, Maryland, becoming his affectionate wife and faithfully performing the duties of that relation until the end of his days. Two daughters, of this marriage, one a widow, and the other the wife of Dr. Sidwell, of Johnsville, Md., with their bereaved mother, survive.

Dr. Nichols was repeatedly honored by his brethren in being elected to represent them in the General Conference. He was a charter member of the Board of Trustees of Western Maryland College. During the first term of President Cleveland he was Postmaster of Johnsville.

Dr. Nichols' Presidency was in a trying period. Civil war was raging. There was great division of sentiment and opinion as to causes and probable consequences of the fratricidal strife. Party spirit ran high in many places, friends and kindred were alienated from each other, and some churches were rent asunder. The Maryland Conference wisely resolved to devote itself to "its one work of setting forth by word and example the unsearchable riches of Christ," and thus was preserved from schism or disintegration. President Nichols, though decided in his convictions, conducted himself with such prudence and brotherly kindness that he retained the confidence and esteem of his brethren to the close of his administration, which was practically co-terminous with the deplorable strife.

It seems proper here to introduce the testimony of some that knew him well, both in personal and official relations.

Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., writes: Our venerated brother, Rev. J. K. Nichols, D. D., was elected Vice-President of Western Maryland College in June, 1871, and re-elected for four successive years. Besides performing in the most satisfactory manner the arduous duties of that position he was,

during the entire time, the professor of *Belles Lettres*. Although he had previously little experience as a school-teacher, his life having been from early manhood mainly devoted to preaching, he was fond of literature and had acquainted himself with the writings of the best English authors, so that he was well furnished with means of interesting and instructing the students in his classes. His extensive knowledge of and long experience in religious matters, especially his familiarity with the Bible, added greatly to his influence as a teacher, and all who were taught by him would unite, I think, in testifying that they were benefitted morally and religiously as well as intellectually. His fine, social qualities, kind disposition and constant watchful care over the students greatly endeared him to them; and among his fellow-professors he was held in the very highest esteem. For myself I can truly say of him that I never was associated with a man whose life and character were more nearly perfect in my estimation than his. His name as a member of the faculty of the college will ever deserve to be cherished by all lovers of the institution. It was as familiar to the Church and community as a household word, and in many a family had a powerful influence in strengthening confidence in the institution and widening its patronage. Our Board of Trustees, of which he was a member from the beginning, will seriously miss him as one of its most wise and faithful co-operators.

Dr. Ward adds: "I admired Dr. Nichols as a writer. Some of his poems are in my opinion very fine. His articles in the *Methodist Protestant* were always read with interest. His semi-centennial sermon before the Conference at Centreville, March, 1879, was one of the best of his productions and is very valuable as a historical document. All things considered, few men have rendered our Zion better service than Dr. Nichols did."

Mr. Henry Swope, of Liberty Circuit, says: "He was three or probably four years our pastor, and, I suppose, nearly twenty years a member of this community, highly esteemed and loved by every one, old and young, in the church and out of it. A sympathizing friend in affliction, ready at all times to visit the sick and dying, to instruct and comfort them. Although retired from active work, he did not cease from labors. Always willing to give a helping hand to the pastor in charge. His death is a loss which will be deeply felt by all."

Mr. William W. Walker, of Liberty Circuit, writes: "I learned to love and admire his many noble qualities of mind and heart. By his Christian graces he was always able to attract and hold those he became acquainted with. He preached by his every-day walk in life. He was gentle and kind and a fast friend. None knew him but to love him."

Rev. J. L. Mills, D. D., writes: "His sermons were to me spiritual, expository and chaste, thoroughly prepared and delivered with a fervor which communion with God alone could impart, and an earnest desire to save sinners and edify saints could alone secure—he hid himself behind the cross. His kindness of heart, his genial disposition, his unwavering faith, his deep piety, his sound judgment, his literary taste, his abiding friendship, his consecration to his life-work, his broad Christian charity, his unswerving ortho-

doxy, in a word his greatness of mind and soul and life made him for me a great, good, grand man; the influence of whose life will never die while I live, and whose memory will ever be one of my choicest treasures."

On Wednesday morning, May 8, 1895, after religious service in the late residence of Dr. Nichols, in Johnsville, conducted by Rev. A. D. Melvin, the body of the deceased was conveyed to Central Chapel, where the funeral sermon was preached by Rev. John J. Murray, D. D., whom Dr. Nichols had taken into the Church more than fifty years before. Rev. Thomas H. Lewis, D. D., and Rev. Webster M. Strayer followed with suitable remarks, and Rev. S. F. Cassen, Rev. G. F. Farring, Rev. A. D. Melvin and Rev. W. D. Litsinger also assisted in the services. The text used on the occasion was Ps. xxxvii. 37: "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace." Rev. Robert Wilson had used the same text at the funeral of Dr. Nichols' father.

In the quiet and neatly kept rural cemetery adjoining the chapel, where repose the mortal remains of Samuel L. Rawleigh, Nicholas Dorsey, Thomas M. Wilson and Peter Light Wilson, of our ministry, and those of John Harding, Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, Mrs. Cordelia Dorsey, Miss Lottie Owings, and others of our laity, well beloved and honored, was laid the mortal body of our amiable, beloved, and honored James K. Nichols. This was the spot chosen by himself; and it seems meet that one whose delight was in the ministry of the Word should find sepulture near where the precious Word is preached in regular ministrations the whole year round, and that he with others, his former companions, whose dust is there enshrined, should rise together when corruption shall put on incorruption and mortality shall be swallowed up of life.

JOHN J. MURRAY,  
J. T. WARD,  
J. L. MILLS,  
JACOB SWOPE,  
JOHN S. REPP,  
WM. W. WALKER,  
*Committee.*

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The committee furnish the following as an additional note, to be added to the obituary of Rev. James K. Nichols, D. D.:

Eight children were born unto the parents of Dr. Nichols—six sons and two daughters. He outlived all of them but one, although one brother attained the ripe age of sixty-nine years, and one sister sixty-five years. The sole survivor of the family is the venerable Rev. John Robert Nichols, who wanted less than one month to complete the full number of eighty years when he stood sorrowfully by the open grave of his beloved brother. Fifty-seven years of faithful service in the Maryland Conference commend him to the respect and affection of his associates, whose sympathy he has in the loneliness of his bereavement.

## REV. DANIEL WEBSTER BATES, D. D.

Rev. Daniel Webster Bates, D. D., peacefully departed this life at his home, near Edesville, Maryland, November 9, 1895, in the eighty-first year of his age. He was born, of Quaker origin, in the town of Medford, Burlington county, New Jersey, on June 10, 1815, and in January, 1829, he was converted and joined the M. E. Church, where he filled various positions as exhorter, class leader, &c., and on June 16, 1836, he was married to Miss Sarah J. Plummer, a lady of rare excellence, who shared the burdens of life with him for nearly sixty years; both exercising a love that was sweetly sanctified to the mutual happiness of each other. In 1839 he became dissatisfied with the government of the M. E. Church and joined the Methodist Protestant Church, under the pastorate of Rev. T. H. Stockton, corner of 9th and Filbert streets, Philadelphia; and in 1842 he was sent as delegate to the Annual Conference which met in Georgetown, D. C., where he offered himself as an itinerant, to be employed under the direction of the President, and received an appointment to Wesley Chapel Station in the city of Philadelphia. He was elected an alternate to the General Conference in 1865 and a Representative in 1874, and he was also made a member of the General Convention, which consummated the union of the two wings of the Church when they met in Baltimore in 1877. And in the same year, at the Westminster session, he was called to the Presidency of the Maryland Annual Conference. In 1879 he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity, conferred by Adrian College, as a compliment to his intelligence and devotion to the Church. For many years he occupied one of the chairs, as professor of theology, in the faculty of instruction in the Maryland Conference, where a large number of the present membership became the recipients of his wisdom and counsel. He was a good reader of character, and was quick to discover under the rough exterior of a timid young man the proofs of his ministerial success. He loved to preach the gospel, because it was to him the grandest subject to which human thought could be elevated or had ever attained, and, in his younger years, nothing delighted him more than to be actively engaged in the work assigned to him by the Church. Dr. Bates was fond of study and literature, particularly that kind which was identified with the general work of the Church. His large library of well-selected volumes shows not only his taste for church literature, but also gives evidence of his great research into all questions which affected the welfare of the Church. His contributions to the official organ and other papers on current subjects were generally appreciated. In 1874 he ran through the columns of the *Methodist Protestant* letters to a Catholic priest—which were afterward published in pamphlet form—which did much to enlighten the people on the leading doctrines of the Romish Church. In his pastoral work he was always a welcome visitor, because his genial, entertaining manner brought with him a ray of sunshine which caused the families to be glad when he came and sorry when he left. His late illness began with a nervous chill about three weeks before his death; then loss of appetite, and could retain but little of what he did

eat. About a week before his death hiccoughs came on and lasted to the end. During his illness he talked but little, but he had often said to the writer: "I am simply waiting the Lord's call, and it makes but little difference to me how soon it comes. I am ready." He evidently expected this to be his last sickness by selecting his pall-bearers. The funeral services were conducted in Wesley Chapel on November 12, and were participated in by J. L. Mills, S. R. Murray, W. S. Hammond, T. O. Crouse, A. N. Ward, C. K. McCaslin and J. Shreeve, after which his body was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery adjoining.

JESSE SHREEVE,  
S. B. TREDWAY,  
C. K. MCCASLIN,  
SAMUEL VANNORT,  
WM. STEVENS,  
R. S. GRIFFITH,  
*Committee.*

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REV. JOHN WILLIAM CHARLTON.

Rev. John William Charlton was born near the town of Jefferson, in Frederick county, Md., on the 27th day of January, 1832, and died at Lee Mont, in Accomac county, Va., February 24, 1896. He was converted to God at Brookville, in Howard county, Md., in the year 1857, under the ministry of Revs. D. W. Bates and B. F. Benson. A short time after his conversion he was licensed to preach, and in 1859 was employed by the President as associate pastor on Frederick Circuit. In March, 1860, he was received into the Maryland Conference and appointed to the pastorate of Snow Hill Circuit. His success on this circuit indicated clearly the life of usefulness which followed. The next year he was associated with the Rev. John Roberts in the pastorate of Queen Anne's Circuit. In March, 1862, he was ordained, and continued in the work without interruption to the day of his death, filling, with acceptable and efficient service, the following pastorates: Cumberland, Broadway, Salem, Philadelphia, First Church, Washington; Anne Arundel, Laurel, Delaware, Pipe Creek, Agency for Western Maryland College, South Baltimore, Finksburg, Fawn Grove, Oxford, Seaford, Susquehanna, Pipe Creek, a second term, and Kemptown. In April, 1895, he received his last appointment, being sent to Accomac Circuit, from whence he was called to his heavenly home. While pastor of Snow Hill Circuit he made the acquaintance of Miss Mary Catharine Farrow, daughter of Dr. William H. Farrow, with whom he was united in marriage in March, 1865. This sympathetic companion and efficient co-worker in his pastoral labors, with one daughter, survives him. Bro. Charlton was a splendid specimen of physical manhood, about five feet nine inches in height, weighing about 180 pounds, muscular, erect, his head well poised, with dark hair, full dark beard, fair complexion, earnest blue eyes, his face aglow with the light of a generous, dauntless soul; he was a commanding presence in any company.



He was a man of strong intellect, with a grasping and tenacious memory. He readily acquired information on any subject to which he turned his attention. As a preacher he was always impressive, and sometimes truly eloquent. As a debater he was ready and forceful. At the meetings of the Conference he gave close attention to business, and not infrequently stamped Conference action with the impress of his sound judgment. As a pastor he labored with untiring zeal to advance every interest of the Church, and conditions were very unfavorable if he did not leave his charge improved. Mistaken he may have been sometimes, as to methods of work and administration, but false, never. Next to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ he gloried in the principles of our Church polity, and never dishonored them. His social qualities made him a desirable companion and endeared him to a large circle of friends. A good conversationalist, with a large fund of anecdote and reminiscence, he always contributed to the enjoyment of the company of which he was a part. His friendship was unselfish and steadfast. A layman, whom he had served as pastor, says: "I have known Bro. Charlton intimately for twenty-nine years. The charm of his strong character was his loyalty to his Church and his fidelity to his friends." Another layman, whom he twice served as pastor, says: "He was earnest in his work, and ambitious to have it done promptly and in keeping with a high standard." While serving Pipe Creek Circuit the last time, he suffered a malignant attack of la-grippe, from which he never fully recovered. He would not acknowledge himself an invalid until he was compelled to desist from work and take to his room. He literally died in the battle, with sword in hand and face to the foe. He seldom spoke to any one of his religious experience, but when he did speak it was no uncertain testimony he gave to the power of Christ to save. It was the privilege of the chairman of this committee to visit him two days before he died. In response to the question: "Bro. Charlton, is the gospel you have so often preached to others a comfort to you now?" He replied: "O yes, O yes, that is all right; you need feel no uneasiness about that."

"Thus he come to the Jordan's tide,  
And, taking the arm of the Saviour,  
Went up on the heavenward side."

He was always averse to funeral sermons and orations, and, long before his death illness, requested that there should be no memorial service when he died, but that his family and friends should carry him quietly to his burial, simply reading over his grave the Church ritual. In compliance with this request he was laid to rest in Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore, on the afternoon of February 25, 1896. We shall meet again. The surviving companion and daughter are tenderly assured of the sympathy of the Church, and prayerfully commended to the keeping of our heavenly Father.

W. M. STRAYER,  
F. T. TAGG,  
WM. MCK. POISAL,  
WM. R. ZOLLIKOFFER,  
W. C. HARTLEY,  
JOHN D. GRANT,  
*Committee.*



## REV. THOMAS EDWARD COULBOURN.

In the prime of his manhood, at the zenith of his career in the service of God in the Methodist Protestant Church, with hands and head and heart full of the work of the Lord, Thomas Edward Coulbourn, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, has been arrested in the midst of his eminent labors and called to his glorious reward. He died, triumphantly, on the 11th day of March, 1896, at the residence of Rev. R. S. Hulsart, in Pittston, Pennsylvania, in the 43rd year of his age.

Without intimating any premonitions of approaching illness, he took leave of the Pennsylvania Conference at Laddsburg, and on Saturday, March the 7th, proceeded to Pittston, where he was under engagement to preach the following Sunday. On the way he was taken ill, and with much difficulty made his way from the railroad station to Bro. Hulsart's, where he arrived at 6 o'clock in the evening. Taking his bed at once, he was cared for with the utmost kindness by the family, friends and physicians. The disease was pronounced peritonitis. Its progress was rapid, and attended with great suffering. In less than four days it finished its work, and the loving heart ceased to beat, and the tongue of triumph was silent, and our beloved brother left us for "The house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Bro. Coulbourn was the son of William C. and Milcha Ann Coulbourn, of Somerset county, Maryland. He was born September 1st, 1853. His mother, affectionately remembered by many of the members of this Conference as an estimable Christian woman, died, in blessed hope, several years ago. In joyful anticipation he said in his last hours, "I shall meet my dear mother in heaven." His father, for many years a highly esteemed and prominent member of our Church, several times a delegate to this Conference, survives him in the shadows of the evening of life. No words can speak for his parentage like those of the dying son. "Tell my old father," he said, "that I love him, and that it was his training in early childhood that led me to the work of my life." He was converted in his 16th year, at a wood's meeting held by Rev. C. H. Littleton, at Mariner's Church, on what was at that time Somerset Circuit. Soon after uniting with the church he went to Western Maryland College, where he remained one year. On his return, after occupying the position of clerk in a store for three years, he entered into the mercantile business in Crisfield, under the firm name of T. E. Coulbourn & Co., Mr. J. E. Sterling and Hon. Thomas H. Hodson being his partners. The claims of a large and laborious business were not permitted to interfere with an earnest activity in church work. The writer became his pastor in 1878 in the Crisfield Church. He found him in the superintendency of the Sunday-school, leadership of the choir, a member of the Board of Trustees and of the Board of Stewards. In every position he was prompt, energetic and efficient in the highest degree. It was at this time the call came to give up business and consecrate his life to the Christian ministry. The struggle of the young merchant was a severe one. We were often in counsel on the subject. For weeks he slept but little. The call seemed imperative and the obstacles in-

surmountable. But the will of God, which was the law of his life, was made plain, and faith triumphed. I well remember the evening he came to my study, the aforetime grave and shadowed countenance now radiant with satisfaction. The struggle was over. He would close up his business and give his life to the ministry of the Word. Henceforth he could look back and say with St. Paul, "Immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood." Although he had made much of his opportunities, his education was below his ideal. This raised another serious question. Would he go to the college? The lamented Rev. J. B. Walker urged him to do so. The writer, knowing his capacity of self-improvement, and his energy and industry, joined him in his doubts of the wisdom of this undertaking at so late a period as his twenty-sixth year. He was eager for the field.

Having closed up his business as speedily as possible, he presented himself at the Conference of 1880 for the itinerancy, was received and sent to Dorchester Circuit as associate pastor with Rev. G. Q. Bacchus. In 1881-2 he was in Georgetown, D. C., as associate pastor with Dr. S. B. Southerland. In 1883 and 1884 he was in charge of Broadway, Baltimore. In 1885 he went to Lynchburg, and in the eighth year of his pastorate in that church he was elected, by the General Conference of 1892, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. In these pastorates he was prompt, exemplary, faithful and efficient. The people loved him. Nor could it be otherwise. He was so genial, so delightfully social. His manner beamed with friendliness. He was both a loving and a lovable man, in an eminent degree. There was in his character the happy mingling of cheerfulness and gravity, gentleness and firmness, meekness and aggressiveness, which combine to influence with the touch of tenderness and the stroke of power—at the same time winning love and commanding respect and confidence. The simplicity of his faith was a marked characteristic. He received the gospel as a divine revelation, and rested in it, not as a rationalist in his dogmas, but as a child in its mother's embracing arms and loving smiles.

As a preacher Bro. Coulbourn was painstaking in his preparation, decidedly Methodist in his interpretation of the Scriptures, logical in arrangement, earnest, clear, incisive, strong, and often eloquent in expression; and sometimes triumphant in spiritual power.

During his pastorate in Lynchburg he married the eldest daughter of the late Hon. C. W. Button, of precious memory in the Maryland Conference. This proved to be both a wise and a happy union. Three children blessed their marriage, who, with their deeply loved mother, were the subjects of his greatest solicitude in his last hours.

His call to the Secretaryship was a staggering surprise. He had never thought of being intrusted with the duties and responsibilities of such an office, and with characteristic modesty he questioned his ability to answer its demands. He hesitated, too, at the thought of the frequent, and often lengthy, absence from his family which the duties of the office would require. But when he came to recognize the action of the Conference in his election as indicating the will of God in the disposition of his services, he said: "If

it is the will of God that I shall engage in this work, however keenly I feel the deprivation I must endure because of separation from my family, I shall be obedient to it." In this spirit of submission to God's will and loyalty to the Church's call he accepted the onerous office.

Immediately, as far as it was possible with his pastorate still on his hands, he centered all his energies in his new work. Entering upon a course of preparation, he read the biographies of the most eminent missionaries; he made himself acquainted with the most successful methods of work in the missionary societies at home; he sought interview and intimacy with the secretaries of the missionary societies of the various churches, and he rapidly developed, along all lines, as a judicious and enthusiastic manager and champion of the Foreign Missionary work of the Church. He maintained the most amicable relations with the Board, the Conferences and the missionaries, and enjoyed not only their harmonious co-operation and approval, but also their loving admiration. In the brief space of less than four years in his office, he made a record in the faith and literature and heart of the Church which will remain an enduring monument to his memory.

The circumstances of his death were peculiarly sad. Far from his home and his loved ones; his unfinished sermon on missions, prepared by appointment of the Executive of this Conference, to which we have listened with such tearful interest, lying on his desk awaiting the completion that would never be made; though lacking no kind, sympathetic, and Christian ministration, yet among strangers, with no intimate friend, no dear kindred to comfort him by their presence and loving devotion in the struggle of his last hours, and the sudden and shocking transition from the joyful anticipation of the home greeting and Conference fellowship, to the appalling realization that he must die away from home and loved ones, make up an ordeal no words can fitly portray. But light breaks on the scene from the upper glory. Dismay vanishes in triumph. The dark storm-cloud melts into sunshine. The gloom on the earth side is banished by the radiance upward. The dark river narrows to a "little stream." It is not a defeat but a glorious victory. "This dying," he says, "is practical work," and in the midst of battle strife he exclaims:

Strike, kind of terrors, I fear not thy blow;  
Jesus hath broken the bars of the tomb:  
Joyfully, joyfully, will I go home.

And with the latest ring of that voice which had so often stirred the devotions of God's people to ecstasy, and melted congregations to tears and penitence with its sweetness and power, he sung with seraphic anticipation these lines:

A tent or a cottage, why should I care?  
They're building a palace for me over there;  
Though exiled from home, yet will I sing,  
All glory to God, I'm a child of a King.

Thus beautifully, grandly he lived; thus gloriously, triumphantly he died.

His record is with us, and his memory will be cherished. We sorrow deeply, for our loss is great.

The funeral services were held in the Lynchburg Church, of which he was so long the pastor. The house was filled to its utmost capacity. The sermon was preached by Rev. Thomas H. Lewis, D. D., and addresses were delivered by Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D. and Rev. E. A. Warfield. His remains, in accordance with his own request, were laid to rest in Springhill Cemetery.

B. F. BENSON, *Chairman*,  
F. T. TAGG,  
J. M. HOLMES,  
J. H. VALENTINE,  
JOHN ROGERS,  
W. H. JONES,  
*Committee.*

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MRS. MARY ANN WELLS MURRAY.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." In the editorial columns of the *Methodist Protestant* of December 4, 1895, appeared a reference to the late Mrs. Mary Ann Wells Murray, so truthful, just, comprehensive and appreciative that I shrink from adding anything to what has been said so well. But the editorial tribute was a summary of character, and was not intended to exclude facts and reflections that may interest and possibly be useful to those that knew Mrs. Murray only by reputation, as well as to the many that were bound to her by kindred ties and the associations of intimate friendship. It is written of Abel that he, "being dead, yet speaketh." Every life hath its lesson, and many that have lived since the days of Abel have made a record that the church can ill afford to lose. God is glorified in the lives and deaths of good men and women, and whatever lessons may be derived from their history should be preserved as a part of the heritage of their survivors. The parentage of Mrs. Murray and her connections, social and ecclesiastical, having been given with sufficient fullness in other memorials, little reference will be made to them in this, which is intended not so much to eulogize the dead as to stimulate and encourage the living. Mrs. Murray was born on the 3d of March, 1829. She was converted—"converted soundly," in the language of Rev. Robert Emory—(son of Bishop Emory)—in her girlhood. She could have been but little more than twelve years of age at the time, for the writer, who made her acquaintance in the spring of 1842, found her at that time engaged in Christian work, and, if his memory is not at fault, it was the very kind of work that employed so much of her time in the days of her maturity, and by which she became so well known, both at home and abroad. Naturally of a lively disposition and fond of society, she found herself, as she grew older, surrounded by gay acquaintances and friends who contributed nothing to her spiritual development, but, on the contrary, influenced her until, by imperceptible degrees, she became as one of themselves in pursuit of the "pleasures which endure for a season."

Notwithstanding, she never ceased to be an attendant on public worship nor omitted her nightly prayers in private and the reading of the Bible. She had persuaded herself that the pleasures to which she had become addicted were innocent, but they could not satisfy the deeper cravings of her soul. "The world can never give the bliss for which we sigh." Conscience, awakening after a protracted slumber, made her sensible of this, and a sermon preached by Rev. R. L. Dashiell from the text: "Thy vows are upon me, O God," convinced her that she was not honoring the obligations she had assumed when she gave herself to the Lord. Yielding to this conviction she instantly sought a renewal of spiritual life. "Henceforth," says a correspondent, "she renounced the world with all its vanities, even changing the style of her dress and putting away the trinkets with which women love to adorn themselves, and her adornment was that of a consistent, beautiful Christian character. "While she lived she shone;" not that she made an effort to do so, but because the light was in her. Her new life was marked by activity in the work of her church. The infant class in the Sabbath-school gave her employment to which she was well adapted and in which she took delight. As a member of the Committee on Missions she spent much time in visiting the poor and degraded, going where persons of less faith or fervor would not have ventured. She was happy in her work and in her church relations; but the time came for her to enter a new sphere of activity. On the 14th day of June, 1864, in Charles-Street Methodist Episcopal Church, in the city of Baltimore, she became the wife of a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church, and immediately thereafter transferred her membership to the church of her husband. She never ceased to love the church of her childhood, which she had so many reasons to love, but no one in the church to which she transferred her membership was more loyal to the latter, nor in all its ranks was one more willing to work and pray for its prosperity. In every charge her husband had she was recognized as a helpmeet for him, and in various ways she contributed to the success of his ministry. Possibly in no department of church work was her zeal more conspicuous than in the work of foreign missions, which lay so near her heart. No wife could be more true, affectionate and devoted than she. The writer once in a letter to her husband said: "You are all the world to her, and, I suspect, not a little of heaven." It would seem that she had a suspicion in this direction herself, for in a letter to her husband, which I have been permitted to read, she said: "I pray every day to my heavenly Father that I may be kept from idols . . . . Deep down in my heart is a well of love for you which nothing but death can dry up, if that can. I do not quite understand what our relations will be to each other in another world, but I am sure that I will love you as long as I live." To the children of her husband, if they had been her own she could not have been more kind and faithful. How she cared for them, toiled for them, delighted in them—in a word, was a mother to them, from the days of their tender infancy until they left the paternal home to make homes for themselves, was a subject of frequent remark among those that knew the family well. Time will not dim the lustre of her motherly virtues in the

estimation of those that owed her so much. It can but make those virtues brighter as it flies. There was nothing ascetic in her piety; neither was it obtrusive or dictatorial. She was willing, on suitable occasions, to "bear her testimony," to speak a word in private or drop a hint, when she was persuaded it might do good; but she was never clamorous, meddlesome or captious. Cheerful, sympathetic, sociable, taking pleasure in giving pleasure to others, she gained the confidence and won the esteem and love of those among whom she moved. As an illustration of the impression she made upon others I may refer to a letter written to her during her illness<sup>1</sup> by one who knew her while he was a young man at college, and who has since become the honored head of the institution. He wrote: "I want to tell you that your life so sweetly satisfying itself in service, and your faith so humbly clinging to the dear Lord, have always impressed me. I remember very well when I first received this impression. It was when I used to hear you tell your Christian experience in the meetings at the Westminster Church. Somehow I was awakened and stirred by your testimonies. Your words were never many and sometimes spoken timidly, yet I remember well how I used to feel as you spoke. I considered the matter and testified to myself 'My faith upon it, that is a good woman.' It is now a long time for any sheaves to be brought from that far-off sowing, but I feel like thanking you for the faith and love you have exhibited, and the work you have done for the Master. And I am sure you have gone on since that time increasing and abounding in all things that make for saintliness. How if the Captain of your salvation is now perfecting your faith, even as He was perfected, through suffering? I know how such women as you deprecate praise and dwell always on your felt unworthiness. You have lived and walked, by preference, in quiet places. But, dear Mrs. Murray, it is just such lives as yours that make the earth sweet and open heaven to the longing of all sincere souls." . . . . Another illustration is furnished by a letter from a well-known lady, whose name I do not feel at liberty to give. She wrote: "You were the first person to make me realize my privileges and responsibilities as a Christian individually. Your encouragement and friendship have been most helpful to me. Such a beautiful Christian influence will live forever." So much for the life. What shall be said of the death of her whose departure we mourn? About one year ago her health began visibly to decline. She had been a sufferer for years from rheumatism, to which was superadded the affliction of increasing difficulty of hearing; but she was usually so cheerful that none of us thought the end was near, even when "*la grippe*" further increased her suffering and when graver symptoms developed. Late in the summer she came to us at Union Bridge, hoping, as we all did, that change of air and surroundings would do her good, but we were disappointed. Failing to realize the wished-for benefit, after a few weeks she returned to her home in Baltimore, where she lingered amid alternating hopes and fears until, on the 23d of November, her release came. In all her suffering she murmured not, but was submissive to the Divine will, expressing her trust in her Saviour and her love for Him almost with her dying



breath. She did not wish to leave her friends, but she knew in whom she believed. She loved her earthly home, and gladly would have continued a while longer here, if such had been the will of her Lord, but He had ordered otherwise. Centuries ago He had said to the people of Judah by the prophet Micha: "This is not your rest." Later, an inspired apostle wrote: "Here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come." The rest which remains for the people of God is in the "place" which the Saviour has gone to "prepare," and the pains and bereavements of this life are among the instrumentalities employed by our Lord to prepare us for the place. It is the testimony of one that was privileged to see our Saviour after His resurrection, that "to depart and be with Christ is far better." Having this assurance we submit, thankful for the years that she was with us, and for what she was to us and the church; trusting that it will be "far better" with us when the time of our departure shall come, and praying that we may go on with increasing faith and hope and love until we too shall be with the Lord.

JOHN J. MURRAY.

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MRS. ANN GREENAWAY.

At Alexandria, Va., June 26, 1894, Ann Greenaway, relict of the late Rev. N. S. Greenaway, of blessed memory, entered into the saints' rest, aged 68 years, 7 months. Sister Greenaway was born in Liskeard, Cornwall, England, November 25, 1825. Her parents were William and Mary Ann Body. She was married to Rev. Nevell S. Greenaway, July 30, 1846, and two years later she embarked with him for America, arriving in New York, August 26, 1848, after a voyage of fifty days. In September of 1852, her husband entered the itinerancy of the Maryland Annual Conference and was appointed to Snow Hill Circuit. In all his labors of love he found his wife a noble helper. Her praise was in "all the churches." After a brief ministry of nine years her talented husband was called into the presence of the King May 2, 1861, leaving his widow in a strange land, with four orphaned children. Bereaved of her husband in the very flower of his brilliant career, she henceforth admitted to her bosom, to the place that he had held, the Church of his choice. A frequent inmate of her home in Alexandria, and an intimate friend of the family, her death was to me a personal bereavement. I had learned in the days of my childhood to love her as a mother, and so deeply had this feeling taken hold of me, that upon my appointment as her pastor I could never merge the filial into the pastoral relation. Because I feel that such a life needs a better eulogy than I can frame, and because others to whom she had been a benediction, would be admitted into this sweet service, I have gathered from letters received from a number of her ex-pastors a few garlands with which to crown her memory.

Rev. J. B. Jones, who was our sister's pastor in 1867, and who was a guest in her home during his pastorate, writes: "Sister Greenaway was a happy, energetic, cheerful woman, without one particle of selfishness. She took pleasure in making others happy."



Rev. S. B. Tredway, for three years her pastor, bears testimony: "Sister Greenaway was a woman of unusual foresight, great executive ability and warm personal influence. No sacrifice was too great, no labor too arduous where the interests of her Church were involved."

Rev. W. R. Graham writes: "A noble example of consecrated Christian womanhood."

Rev. B. F. Benson adds this testimony: "She was rich in many virtues and will be greatly missed in Alexandria Church."

Rev. L. R. Dyott, more recently her pastor, writes: "Very few persons have ever known as well as she how to make a pastor happy."

Bro. Poisal, who immediately preceded me as her pastor, and to whom she was devotedly attached, has already borne his loving testimony in the columns of the *Methodist Protestant*.

These brethren all speak out of full hearts, from memories of what she was to them in her active labors, but mine is the sadder task, for I have learned to miss her. There is a vacant place in all the activities of the church which speaks her worth more than eulogy could, however eloquent. She was the radiating centre from which went forth the enthusiasm for her church in all the details of its work. The sense of our bereavement is daily felt as we wait her leadership and realize she is gone. No one who did not know her place in this church can have a conception of what it means to feel her loss. But if our loss is so great what shall I say of God's poor, and God's afflicted ones, to whom she came as an angel of mercy? In every lane and street of this city I meet them. To adopt the thought of another—if all to whom she ministered sunshine and comfort were to bring a flower for her grave, she would sleep this night under a wilderness of bloom. Her place in the personal life of the pastor and his family was so large that her loss is an ever accentuated sorrow. To them her counsel was wise, her heart tender, and none knew so well how to dispel the shadows that sometimes rested on the manse. I must repeat what others have said: One of the best friends a pastor ever had passed away when her spirit took its flight. Never was mother more devoted to children, nor were children ever more devotedly attached to a mother, than in this home. The perfect harmony of love pervaded the household always. Although two daughters and the only son had families of their own, their tender love for their mother continued to grow to the very end, and all that love could do to mitigate her suffering was joyfully done by them, as well as by her single daughter who was with her constantly. While meekly submitting to the divine will, her death came to these sorrowing children with a sense of almost desolation. But this mother had not failed to lead their infant feet to her Saviour, and she had the joy to see them all in the Church of her choice, and humbly trusting in their mother's God. To them, therefore, in their bereavement comes the comfort of the resurrection promise, and the Father's House.

As one said over her cofined form, the keynote of sister Greenaway's life was fidelity. She was faithful in all things—faithful to her church, to her home, to her pastor, to her social duties, to Christ's little ones, to her God.

No fitter words could be carved upon the chaste marble at the head of the green and flower-scented mound under which her body sleeps than those of the blessed Word she loved so well: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life"—words to her both a promise and a prophecy. She rested in the promise, and the crown upon her brow is the glorious fulfillment of the prophecy.

In her spiritual life Sister Greenaway was not demonstrative. She lived in deeds, not in words. Afflicted with a slow paralysis of the motor nerves, she lingered for more than a year in great suffering, but her patience never failed her, and she bore it all with a fortitude that was sublime. Like the sainted Whitefield, she felt that she had borne such testimony in life, that it needed no dying words to assure her friends and kindred that the pathway was clear. Her last word was that name so dear to her, representing one on earth and one in heaven—her husband and only son, "Nevell," at once a farewell to her boy, and a greeting to her heart's young, steadfast love. In the presence of the family and a throng of sorrowing friends, the pastor, assisted by Rev. W. R. Graham, conducted a brief service at her late home, and with cheeks stained with tears, but with hearts trembling with the bliss of an assured hope, we laid her body by the side of him who had for thirty years waited her coming in the silent city of the dead.

F. T. BENSON.

[Omitted from last year's Minutes because copy failed to reach printer in time.—SECRETARY.]

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MRS. MARY E. MALOY.

Mary E. Maloy, the beloved wife of Rev. J. Earle Maloy, closed her earthly life at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Cockran, in Wilmington, Del., January 3rd, 1896.

Mrs. Maloy was the daughter of Joseph and Eliza Graham; and was born at Ray's Point, Talbot county, Md., in 1839. Her young life was spent in Easton, where she and all her father's family were favorably known by many of our ministers. In their residence, adjacent to the parsonage, there was always a cordial welcome for the itinerant.

Identifying herself with the church in her youth, she grew into active usefulness in her home church, until she entered the larger field of Christian activity as the wife of Rev. J. E. Maloy. For nearly thirty-two years she shared with her husband the labor and sacrifices, the joys and sorrows of itinerant life.

She was an intelligent helper in every good work; never losing courage or hope under the most adverse circumstances. Her piety was of the quiet, thoughtful, modest type. She witnessed for Christ by the force of a beautiful, consistent life, more than by formal expression of the lips. She had the "charity that thinketh no evil." She thought well of those about her until they proved themselves unworthy of her confidence. She trusted others because she was worthy of being trusted. She was a tower of strength in the home. "Her children rise up, and call her blessed; her

husband also, and he praiseth her." She was given to hospitality. She made warm friends, and kept them while she lived. With impaired health for years, she bravely endured her physical infirmities and never obtruded them upon others; continuing to welcome her friends, and delightfully entertaining them, as in the days of her youth and vigor.

She came to the end of her life in the possession of all her mental faculties and in great peace. She talked to her husband and children calmly of her funeral, and the place of her burial. It was her wish that the services should be simple and brief. Her body was taken to the church in Easton, where Rev. W. M. Poisal conducted the service; and then this mortal part was laid by the side of her parents in the cemetery of the town to await the morning of the resurrection.

April 15, 1896.

J. D. KINZER.

## Minutes of Church Extension Society of Maryland Conference.

The Church Extension Society held its annual meeting Monday, April 6, J. E. Maloy in the chair. The following officers were elected: President, J. E. Maloy; First Vice-President, W. J. Neepier; Second Vice-President, W. R. Graham; Secretary, J. H. S. Ewell; Treasurer, T. Harry Bartlett; Board of Managers—F. T. Little, W. S. Hammond, T. O. Crouse, S. B. Southerland, W. J. C. Dulany, J. N. Gilbert, T. A. Murray and T. Harry Bartlett.

Frank A. Holland was appointed to collect dues.

The Treasurer being absent a motion was made that an auditing committee be appointed to audit Treasurer's account, and have it printed in the Minutes. Carried.

### TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

1895.

#### RECEIPTS.

May 3.	Junior C. E. S., N. Carolina Ave. M. P. Church..	\$ 2 25
June 15.	Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell (Interest).....	19 50
Sept. 19.	" J. H. S. Ewell.....	37 00
Dec. 26.	" S. R. Murray (Chestertown).....	22 00

1896.

Jan. 14.	Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell (Interest).....	12 50
Feb. 26.	" W. H. Litsinger (Stewartstown).....	28 00
March 6.	" W. R. Graham (Georgetown).....	34 00
"	" W. J. Floyd (Howard Circuit).....	35 00
" 9.	" C. A. Benjamin (Interest).....	12 00

Total amount in hand..... \$195 25

*Reports to the*

## BANK ACCOUNT.

Maryland Savings Bank, Baltimore City..... \$203 41

Respectfully submitted,

T. HARRY BARTLETT, *Treasurer.*

The President appointed as Auditing Committee, Revs. T. O. Crouse and F. T. Little.

The Anniversary of Society was held Friday night, April 3rd, and was in charge of Rev. H. L. Elderdice. A collection of \$47.35 was lifted.

Adjourned.

J. H. S. EWELL, *Secretary.*

The committee appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Maryland Conference Church Extension Society, reports that it has made such audit of the accounts as was possible, and has found the same correct.

F. T. LITTLE,

T. O. CROUSE,

*Committee.*

REPORT OF STEWARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
APRIL, 1896.

Amount Assessed on the District.....	\$4,048 98
“ Appropriated for 1895-1896.....	\$2,525 00
“ Back Pay.....	1,523 98
	————— 4,048 98

FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION.

From the District on Assessment....	\$2,949 31
“ Annual Dues.....	111 00
“ Anniversary.....	47 35
“ D. W. Anstine.....	4 85
“ T. H. Bartlett above receipt..	37 00
“ S. B. Tredway... ..	50
	————— \$3,150 01
Less amount paid Balto. Church Extenson Society....	548 03

Amount for Distribution..... \$2,601 98

Deficiencies at last Conference: Barren Creek—E. S. Fooks, \$26.41; Clayton—G. J. Smith, \$47.54; Crumpton—G. R. Hodge, \$52.82; Cambria—J. B. Jones, \$105.64; Cumberland—B. W. Kindley, \$23.77; Delmar—J. A. Wright, \$26.41; Dover—L. F. Warner, \$132.05; Fairfax—H. E. Nelson, \$39.62; Frederica—G. M. Clayton, \$47.54; Georgetown, Del.—J. H. S. Ewell, \$26.41; Hurlock—J. M. Brown, \$79.23; Leipsic—J. T. Valliant, \$26.41; Middleway—Elmer Simpson, 26.41; Nichols' Memorial—J. R. Nichols, \$95.08; North Baltimore—J. M. Gill, \$264.10; Potomac—J. W. Norris, \$26.41; Prince George's—M. W. Sordon, \$39.62; Reliance—A. J. Walter, \$23.77;

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Amount brought forward..... \$2,601 98

Salem—C. P. Nowlin, \$21.13; Seaford—S. B. Tredway, \$26.41;  
St. Michael's—W. S. Phillips, \$52.82; Talbot—G. W. Hines,  
\$23.78; Tyreeanna—F. L. Stephens, \$26.41; Towson—  
Emanuel Pierce, \$52.82; Williamsport—J. Portch, \$52.82;  
Wilmington, 1st Church—B. F. Jester, \$79.23; Wilmington,  
2d Church—G. A. Morris, \$79.23. Total.....

\$1,523 98

Balance for Distribution for year ending April 1st, 1896..... \$1,078 00

	<i>Appropriation.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>	<i>Bal. Due.</i>
Parksley .....	\$ 150 00	\$ 64 03	\$ 85 97
Barren Creek—E. S. Fooks.....	50 00	21 34	28 66
Christ's Church—A. N. Ward.....	200 00	85 38	114 62
Crumpton—J. G. Sullivan.....	100 00	42 69	57 31
Dover—T. P. Revell . . . . .	100 00	42 69	57 31
First Church, Wilmington—G. J. Smith.	75 00	32 01	42 99
Frederica—G. M. Clayton.....	100 00	42 69	57 31
Fairfax—H. E. Nelson.....	100 00	42 69	57 31
Federalburg—G. H. Stocksdales.....	100 00	42 69	57 31
Hurlock—G. J. Hill.....	100 00	42 69	57 31
Middleway—Elmer Simpson.....	100 00	42 69	57 31
Nichols' Memorial—J. R. Nichols.....	180 00	76 84	103 16
North Baltimore—J. M. Gill.....	500 00	213 45	286 55
Potomac—J. W. Norris.....	75 00	32 01	42 99
Queen Anne—C. E. McCullough.....	50 00	21 34	28 66
Reliance—A. J. Walter.....	50 00	21 34	28 66
Salem—C. P. Nowlin.....	40 00	17 07	22 93
Seaford—S. B. Tredway.....	50 00	21 34	28 66
Second Ch., Wilmington—G. A. Morris.	100 00	42 69	57 31
St. Michael's—W. S. Phillips.....	45 00	19 20	25 80
Tyreeanna—H. F. Wright.....	45 00	19 20	25 80
Towson—T. H. Wright.....	75 00	32 01	42 99
Talbot—E. B. Taylor.....	40 00	17 07	22 93
Wye—B. F. Benson.....	100 00	42 69	57 31
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	\$2,525 00	\$1,077 84	\$1,547 16

## SUMMARY.

Total for Distribution..... \$2,601 98  
" Distributed..... 2,601 82

Balance in hand..... \$ 16

Percentum .4269.

AVERY DONOVAN, *Steward.*

# MINUTES OF THE SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY.

The Superannuated Fund Society met in Alnutt Memorial Church, Thursday afternoon, April 2, at 1.45 o'clock.

Officers elected as follows: First Vice-President, J. T. Lassell; Second Vice-President, W. J. Neepier; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather; Recording Secretary, G. Q. Bacchus; Board of Managers—E. J. Drinkhouse, F. T. Tagg, J. T. Murray, John G. Clarke, C. A. Benjamin, J. M. Sheridan, J. W. Hering, T. A. Murray.

Treasurer, T. A. Murray, read his report. Report adopted.

G. A. Morris was elected to collect the annual dues.

Adjourned.

G. Q. BACCHUS, *Secretary*.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer herewith submits his annual report for the Conference year ending April 1st, 1896, as follows:

### DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT.

<i>Receipts.</i>		
Income from Investments, &c.....	\$3,928 27	
Conference Collections.....	249 58	
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<i>Disbursements.</i>		
Rent Safe Deposit Box.....	\$15 00	
Stationery, &c.....	10 00	
Interest Account.....	50 00	
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	\$ 75 00	
Remitted to Conference Steward for October Distribution	1,673 80	
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		1,748 80
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Balance for distribution, remitted herewith to Conference Steward.		\$2,429 05

### INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

<i>Receipts.</i>		
Balance per last Report.....	\$268 18	
From Conference Steward.....	122 50	
Donation from Mrs. J. T. Ward and Sister.....	48 22	
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		438 90
From Sales and Exchange of Securities per order of Board of Managers.....		14,271 82
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		\$14,710 72
<i>Invested.</i>		
In Purchase of Ground-Rents, per order of Board.....	12,088 08	
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Balance in hand for investment .....		\$2,622 64

LIBRARY OF  
BISHOP F. D. LEEDE

It will be noted that there is a shortage in the amount of income received from the Invested Fund as compared with last year. This is owing in part to the fact that last year's receipts included a considerable amount due during the previous year, payment of which was deferred until last year; and also in part to changes in certain of the Securities of the Society, which it has been found necessary to make, and the change in the dates of payment of income incident thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, *Treasurer.*

April 1st, 1896.

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATED FUND STEWARD.

	<i>Am't Allowed.</i>	<i>Am't Paid.</i>
Rev. D. W. Bates.....	\$ 300 00	\$ 239 70
" W. A. Crouse.....	200 00	159 80
" H. C. Cushing.....	300 00	239 70
" H. J. Day.....	150 00	119 85
" J. W. Everist.....	100 00	79 90
" W. G. Holmes.....	150 00	119 85
" J. L. Killgore.....	400 00	319 60
" W. J. D. Lucas.....	350 00	279 69
" J. K. Nichols.....	300 00	239 70
" R. S. Norris.....	350 00	279 65
" S. B. Southerland.....	550 00	439 45
" J. A. Weigand.....	450 00	359 55
Mrs. W. C. Ames.....	150 00	119 85
" T. M. Brian.....	150 00	119 85
" C. T. Cochell.....	125 00	99 87
" W. T. Dumm.....	200 00	159 80
" J. M. Elderdice.....	350 00	279 65
" J. H. Ellegood.....	175 00	139 82
" C. Eversole.....	125 00	99 87
" D. F. Ewell.....	125 00	99 87
" S. T. Ferguson.....	450 00	359 55
" D. N. Gilbert.....	300 00	239 70
" Thomas Lee.....	125 00	99 87
" W. F. Livingstone.....	200 00	159 80
" J. A. McFaden.....	200 00	159 80
" E. R. McGregor.....	125 00	99 87
" C. B. Middleton.....	300 00	239 70
" H. E. Miskimmon.....	200 00	159 80
" J. E. Read.....	200 00	159 80
" D. E. Reese.....	250 00	199 75
" John Roberts.....	300 00	239 70
" D. A. Shermer.....	100 00	79 90
" C. M. Thompson.....	300 00	239 70



*Reports to the Conference.*

	<i>Am't Allowed.</i>	<i>Am't Paid.</i>
Mrs. S. G. Valliant.....	\$ 175 00	\$ 139 82
" P. L. Wilson.....	125 00	99 87
" J. W. Whiteside.....	100 00	79 90
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	\$8,450 00	\$6,751 51

Amount of claims, \$8,450. Percentum, 799.

## STATEMENT.

*Receipts.*

Balance from last year.....	\$ 4 98	
Received of T. A. Murray, October 14, 1895....	1,673 80	
" " April 2, 1896.....	2,179 47	
District Collections.....	2,790 32	
Annual Dues.....	115 00	
Anniversary Collection, April, 1895... ..	40 00	
" " " 1896.....	81 54	
	<hr/>	\$6,885 11

*Disbursements.*

Distributed to Claimants. ....	\$6,751 51	
Paid T. A. Murray for Investment.. ..	125 00	
Expenses of Corresponding Secretary.....	1 75	
" Steward.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	6,881 26
Balance in hand.....	\$ 3 85	

L. F. WARNER, *Steward.*



# Financial and Statistical TABLES.



## Collections for Local Interests and Totals for all

No.	CHARGES.	PRES'T'S SALARY.		PAST'R'S SALARY.		Rental Value of Parsonages.	Total Assess.
		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		
1	Accomac .....	20.00	20.00	700.00	500.00	100.00	820.00
2	Alexandria.....	25.00	25.00	700.00	700.00	200.00	925.00
3	Amelia ... ..	15.00	15.00	375.00	321.50	30.00	420.00
4	Baltimore .....	20.00	15.00	550.00	493.00	125.00	695.00
5	Barren Creek.....	10.00	10.00	350.00	300.00	60.00	420.00
6	Bedford.....	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	60.00	685.00
7	Belair .....	20.00	20.00	650.00	650.00	118.00	850.00
8	Bethany .....	5.00	5.00	400.00	400.00	.....	405.00
9	Broadway .....	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	240.00	860.00
10	Brooklyn.....	20.00	20.00	500.00	500.00	75.00	595.00
11	Cambria.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
12	Cambridge .....	25.00	25.00	770.00	770.00	100.00	895.00
13	Campbell .....	5.00	1.00	100.00	88.25	.....	105.00
14	Canton (St. John's)	5.00	5.00	300.00	247.00	.....	305.00
15	Caroline.....	25.00	25.00	700.00	627.00	75.00	800.00
16	Cecil .....	30.00	30.00	625.00	625.00	100.00	755.00
17	Central.....	30.00	30.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	420.00	1,450.00
18	Centreville .....	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	200.00	820.00
19	Chesapeake.....	20.00	20.00	400.00	500.00	100.00	520.00
20	Chestertown.....	45.00	45.00	958.33	958.33	150.00	1,153.33
21	Chincoteague.....	10.00	10.00	450.00	450.00	.....	460.00
22	Christ's Church...	5.00	5.00	400.00	400.00	.....	405.00
23	Clayton .....	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	120.00	740.00
24	Concord .....	25.00	25.00	480.00	515.13	45.00	550.00
25	Conquest .....	15.00	15.00	500.00	500.00	.....	515.00
26	Crisfield .....	25.00	25.00	900.00	900.00	100.00	1,025.00
27	Crumpton .....	15.00	15.00	300.00	300.00	75.00	390.00
28	Cumberland .....	20.00	20.00	500.00	500.00	150.00	670.00
29	Deer Creek.....	15.00	15.00	325.00	325.00	60.00	390.00
30	Deer Park.....	15.00	15.00	350.00	351.00	36.00	401.00
31	Delmar.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	125.00	745.00
32	Delta .....	20.00	20.00	550.00	550.00	125.00	695.00
33	Dorchester .....	25.00	25.00	600.00	575.00	75.00	700.00
34	Dover.....	5.00	5.00	300.00	300.00	.....	305.00
35	East Baltimore ...	40.00	40.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	240.00	1,280.00
36	Easton .....	40.00	40.00	800.00	800.00	200.00	1,040.00
37	Elizabeth City....	35.00	35.00	1,200.00	1,225.00	.....	1,235.00
38	Ellicott City.....	5.00	5.00	244.00	260.62	.....	249.00
39	Eutaw .....	20.00	20.00	500.00	530.00	180.00	700.00
40	Fairfax.....	10.00	10.00	225.00	225.00	.....	235.00
41	Fairview.....	10.00	10.00	300.00	254.00	76.00	386.00
42	Fawn Grove....	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	75.00	700.00

## Purposes for the Year Ending April, 1896.

No.	Total Paid.	Current Expenses.	Building and Improve-ments.	Paid on Debt.	Special.	Total Paid for Local Interests.	Total Paid for General Interests.	Total Paid for all Purposes.
1	\$ 620.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 150.00			\$ 905.15	\$ 93.15	\$ 998.15
2	925.00	1,178.32				2,103.32	215.54	2,348.86
3	366.50		60.00			426.50	61.74	488.24
4	633.00	100.00	200.00			933.00	77.64	1,010.64
5	370.00	91.00	12.00			477.00	36.50	513.50
6	685.00	40.00	1,064.00		15.00	1,789.00	81.20	1,855.20
7	850.00	150.00		25.00		1,025.00	149.25	1,173.35
8	405.00	175.00	25.00			605.00	21.35	626.35
9	860.00	475.00	280.00	550.00		2,165.00	145.65	2,305.65
10	595.00	230.96	1,130.26			1,956.22	71.28	2,027.50
11								
12	895.00	269.36	17.00		2.50	1,181.36	128.93	1,312.79
13	89.25					89.25	1.00	90.25
14	252.00	223.75	40.00	225.00		740.75	40.20	780.95
15	727.00	100.00	33.00			860.00	124.00	984.00
16	755.00	175.00	30.00	610.24	3.72	1,570.24	147.72	1,721.68
17	1,450.00	482.00	2,100.00		178.40	4,032.00	267.00	4,477.40
18	820.00	365.00	15.00	318.00		1,518.00	189.98	1,707.98
19	620.00	157.00	130.00			907.00	130.00	1,047.00
20	1,153.33	531.33				1,684.66	713.04	2,397.96
21	460.00	188.00	260.00			908.00	32.00	940.00
22	405.00	399.65	706.60			1,511.25	28.00	1,539.25
23	740.00	250.00	1,325.00			2,315.00	117.00	2,432.00
24	685.13					585.13	46.23	631.36
25	515.00	82.50	1,190.00			1,187.50	100.00	1,887.50
26	1,025.00	300.00	6,000.00	6,140.00		13,465.00	183.28	13,648.28
27	390.00	80.00	100.00			495.00	32.55	527.55
28	670.00	184.00	24.28		11.00	878.28	139.99	1,029.27
29	390.00	90.00				490.00	35.00	525.00
30	317.00	178.00	50.00	500.00		1,045.00	30.40	1,075.40
31	745.00	200.00	200.00	100.00		1,245.00	114.00	1,369.50
32	695.00	168.00	154.00	269.00		1,286.00	70.89	1,356.89
33	675.00	105.00				780.00	78.15	858.15
34	305.00	315.00	72.00	1,200.00		1,892.00	58.00	1,950.00
35	1,280.00	950.00	125.00	120.00		2,475.00	296.92	2,771.92
36	1,040.00	560.00	1,200.00			2,800.00	964.55	3,864.55
37	1,260.00	1,791.92	500.00			3,551.92	221.87	3,773.79
38	265.62	34.48				300.10	6.02	306.12
39	730.00	150.00	75.00		160.00	955.00	150.03	1,265.03
40	235.00	25.00	150.00			410.00	68.00	478.00
41	340.00		75.00			405.00	30.00	435.00
42	700.00	130.00	44.00	160.00	2.50	1,034.00	111.00	1,147.50

## Collections for Local Interests and Totals for all

No.	CHARGES.	PRES'T'S SALARY.		PAST'R'S SALARY.		Rental Value of Parsonages.	Total Assess.
		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		
43	Felton.....	15.00	13.00	500.00	475.00	.....	515.00
44	Federalsburg.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
45	Finksburg.....	25.00	25.00	550.00	550.00	100.00	675.00
46	First Church.....	25.00	25.00	700.00	700.00	240.00	965.00
47	Franklin City.....	20.00	20.00	570.00	500.00	60.00	650.00
48	Frederica.....	10.00	10.00	300.00	304.53	.....	310.00
49	Frederick.....	20.00	20.00	425.00	425.00	.....	445.00
50	Georgetown, D. C.	50.00	50.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	500.00	1,950.00
51	Georgetown, Del..	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	78.00	698.00
52	Greenwood.....	15.00	15.00	500.00	500.00	100.00	615.00
53	Grove.....	20.00	20.00	500.00	463.00	75.00	595.00
54	Hampden.....	35.00	35.00	800.00	800.00	150.00	985.00
55	Harper's Ferry....	10.00	10.00	500.00	500.00	60.00	570.00
56	Harrington.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	75.00	695.00
57	Heathsville.....	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	100.00	725.00
58	Holly Run.....	15.00	15.00	400.00	316.16	9.00	424.00
59	Howard.....	20.00	20.00	500.00	500.00	100.00	620.00
60	Harlock.....	10.00	10.00	325.00	313.00	75.00	410.00
61	Indian River.....	5.00	5.00	60.00	60.00	.....	65.00
62	Jefferson.....	50.00	50.00	1,150.00	1,150.00	150.00	1,350.00
63	Kempton.....	15.00	15.00	440.00	440.00	75.00	530.00
64	Kennedyville....	15.00	15.00	500.00	460.39	70.00	585.00
65	Kent Island.....	20.00	20.00	500.00	500.00	75.00	595.00
66	Laurel, Del.....	30.00	31.70	800.00	800.00	125.00	955.00
67	Leipsic.....	10.00	10.00	350.00	300.00	.....	360.00
68	Liberty.....	25.00	25.00	650.00	650.00	100.00	775.00
69	Lisbon.....	25.00	25.00	600.00	601.00	75.00	700.00
70	Lynchburg.....	25.00	25.00	800.00	800.00	.....	825.00
71	Mariner's.....	25.00	15.00	600.00	600.00	100.00	725.00
72	Marley.....	10.00	10.00	350.00	305.25	.....	360.00
73	Middleway.....	10.00	10.00	260.00	241.59	.....	270.00
74	Milton.....	20.00	20.00	550.00	550.00	72.00	642.00
75	Mt. Nebo.....	15.00	15.00	550.00	550.00	.....	565.00
76	Mt. Tabor.....	20.00	20.00	500.00	500.00	.....	520.00
77	Newark.....	50.00	50.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	480.00	1,730.00
78	Newcastle.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
79	New Market.....	25.00	25.00	700.00	778.50	100.00	825.00
80	Nichol's Memorial.	5.00	5.00	125.00	48.83	.....	130.00
81	N. Baltimore Mis'n	10.00	10.00	560.00	560.00	.....	570.00
82	N. C. Avenue.....	15.00	10.00	600.00	600.00	.....	615.00
83	Oak Grove.....	15.00	15.00	350.00	325.00	65.00	430.00
84	Oxford.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	150.00	770.00

## Purposes for the Year Ending April, 1896.

No.	Total Paid.	Current Expenses.	Building and Improve-ments.	Paid on Debt.	Special.	Total Paid for Local Interests.	Total Paid for General Interests.	Total Paid for all Purposes.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
43	488.00	75.00	141.00	.....	.....	704.00	60.24	764.24
44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
45	675.00	175.00	400.00	.....	.....	1,250.00	212.33	1,462.33
46	965.00	400.00	25.00	114.00	.....	1,504.00	108.45	1,612.45
47	580.00	150.00	1,200.00	100.00	5.00	2,030.00	60.00	2,095.00
48	314.53	190.00	35.00	59.00	.....	598.53	19.25	617.78
49	445.00	240.00	150.00	30.00	.....	865.00	148.60	1,018.60
50	1,950.00	756.86	250.00	.....	.....	2,956.86	365.99	3,322.85
51	698.00	180.00	287.50	355.94	.....	1,521.44	142.21	1,663.65
52	615.00	77.75	222.45	.....	.....	915.20	119.62	1,034.82
53	558.00	100.72	23.00	.....	.....	681.72	37.32	719.04
54	985.00	500.00	552.00	.....	.....	2,037.00	348.44	2,385.44
55	570.00	157.00	100.00	.....	50.30	767.00	74.02	891.32
56	695.00	193.00	1,300.00	.....	25.80	2,188.00	107.67	2,325.47
57	725.00	58.00	100.00	100.00	.....	983.00	131.00	1,114.00
58	340.00	64.95	947.21	.....	.....	1,952.32	13.85	1,966.17
59	620.00	100.00	175.00	.....	.....	895.00	136.98	1,031.98
60	398.00	73.10	126.34	.....	.....	597.45	49.96	647.41
61	65.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	65.00	17.60	82.60
62	1,350.00	250.00	.....	.....	200.00	1,600.00	478.02	2,278.02
63	530.00	145.87	78.00	50.00	10.00	803.87	130.11	943.98
64	545.39	60.00	57.00	.....	.....	662.39	115.60	777.99
65	595.00	189.00	775.00	.....	.....	1,559.00	143.50	1,702.50
66	956.70	171.20	153.88	50.00	5.00	1,331.78	323.30	1,660.08
67	310.00	70.00	68.00	.....	.....	448.00	17.25	465.25
68	775.00	321.88	205.00	.....	20.00	1,301.88	249.25	1,571.13
69	701.00	111.20	168.00	.....	.....	980.20	220.69	1,200.89
70	825.00	429.06	130.00	.....	56.00	1,374.14	240.00	1,670.14
71	715.00	177.50	125.00	.....	.....	1,017.50	79.50	1,097.00
72	315.25	113.92	75.00	.....	.....	504.17	30.00	534.87
73	251.59	12.50	96.54	.....	.....	360.63	4.37	365.00
74	642.00	120.00	30.00	12.00	.....	804.00	38.55	842.55
75	565.00	210.31	.....	.....	.....	775.31	55.31	830.62
76	520.00	280.00	90.00	.....	48.00	890.00	111.10	1,049.10
77	1,730.00	2,000.00	50.00	.....	.....	3,780.00	352.10	4,162.10
78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
79	903.50	300.00	700.00	.....	.....	1,903.50	129.78	2,033.28
80	53.83	35.00	5.40	12.83	.....	107.06	10.57	117.63
81	570.00	280.00	1,700.00	.....	.....	2,550.00	50.80	2,600.80
82	610.00	253.08	293.50	.....	.....	1,156.58	64.50	1,221.08
83	405.00	100.89	.....	38.00	.....	543.39	67.41	610.80
84	770.00	325.00	.....	.....	.....	1,095.00	196.13	1,291.13

## Collections for Local Interests and Totals for all

No.]	CHARGES.	PRES'T'S SALARY.		PASTOR'S SALARY.		Rental Value of Parsonages.	Total Assess
		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
85	Parksley.....	5.00	5.00	250.00	250.00	.....	255.00
86	Payson St., Balto	10.00	10.00	400.00	400.00	.....	410.00
87	Pipe Creek .....	20.00	20.00	500.00	500.00	90.00	610.00
88	Pittsville.....	15.00	15.00	500.00	500.00	50.00	565.00
89	Pocomoke.....	15.00	15.00	385.00	385.00	50.00	450.00
90	Pocomoke City..	40.00	40.00	850.00	900.00	150.00	1,040.00
91	Potomac.....	15.00	15.00	375.00	375.00	120.00	510.00
92	Powellsville....	15.00	15.00	410.00	375.00	.....	425.00
93	Prince Geo., Va.	5.00	5.00	88.00	84.00	.....	93.00
94	Quantico.....	25.00	25.00	550.00	550.00	75.00	650.00
95	Queen Anne....	10.00	10.00	350.00	360.00	120.00	480.00
96	Reliance.....	15.00	15.00	400.00	400.00	75.00	490.00
97	Remington Ave..	10.00	7.00	150.00	150.00	.....	160.00
98	Rowlandville ...	15.00	15.00	450.00	401.00	100.00	565.00
99	Salem.....	15.00	15.00	360.00	360.00	100.00	475.00
100	Salisbury .....	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	150.00	770.00
101	St. James'.....	30.00	30.00	600.00	600.00	100.00	730.00
102	St. Luke's.....	20.00	20.00	900.00	900.00	360.00	1,280.00
103	St. Michael's....	15.00	15.00	450.00	430.00	100.00	565.00
104	Seaford.....	20.00	20.00	550.00	550.00	100.00	670.00
105	Snow Hill.....	15.00	15.00	500.00	520.00	125.00	640.00
106	South Baltimore	30.00	14.00	700.00	700.00	300.00	1,030.00
107	Starr.....	50.00	50.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	240.00	1,490.00
108	Stewartstown...	15.00	15.00	500.00	500.00	.....	515.00
109	Susquehanna....	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	100.00	725.00
110	Sussex.....	15.00	15.00	550.00	550.00	72.00	637.00
111	Talbot.....	10.00	10.00	225.00	205.17	.....	235.00
112	Towson.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
113	Trinity.....	30.00	30.00	700.00	700.00	75.00	805.00
114	Tyreeanna.....	10.00	10.00	150.00	150.00	.....	160.00
115	Union.....	20.00	20.00	547.00	547.00	60.00	627.00
116	Union Bridge...	20.00	20.00	500.00	500.00	125.00	645.00
117	Warwick.....	20.00	20.00	450.00	450.00	50.00	520.00
118	Washington-St..	45.00	45.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	360.00	1,405.00
119	Waverly.....	10.00	10.00	600.00	500.00	150.00	760.00
120	West Baltimore.	50.00	50.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	300.00	1,550.00
121	Westminster....	45.00	45.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	240.00	1,285.00
122	Williamsport...	10.00	10.00	160.00	140.00	.....	170.00
123	Wilmington, 1st	10.00	10.00	500.00	300.00	75.00	585.00
124	Wilmington, 2d.	5.00	5.00	300.00	300.00	.....	305.00
125	Wye.....	10.00	10.00	300.00	300.00	125.00	435.00
126	Bethel.....	.....	2.50	25.00	20.00	.....	25.00
	Total.....	2,415.00	2,371.20	66,009.33	66,976.30	11,393.00	79,818.33



## Purposes for the Year Ending April, 1896.

No.	Total Paid.	Current Expenses.	Building and Improve-ments.	Paid on Debt.	Special.	Total Paid for Local Interests.	Total Paid for General Interest.	Total Paid for all Purposes.
85	\$ 255.00	\$ 123.22	\$ 150.00	\$	\$	\$ 543.22	\$ 34.00	\$ 612.22
86	410.00	365.35	175.00	.....	.....	950.35	35.25	985.60
87	610.00	156.00	470.00	.....	.....	1,236.00	199.28	1,426.28
88	565.00	175.00	650.00	350.00	.....	1,740.00	108.47	1,848.47
89	450.00	4.50	310.96	.....	.....	765.46	25.50	790.96
90	1,090.00	250.00	1,500.00	.....	77.75	2,840.00	429.03	3,269.03
91	510.00	100.00	1,600.00	400.00	.....	2,610.00	53.39	2,663.39
92	390.00	.....	25.00	.....	.....	415.00	72.00	487.00
93	89.00	11.00	109.26	.....	.....	209.26	15.53	224.79
94	650.00	100.00	75.00	.....	.....	875.50	90.00	965.00
95	490.00	65.00	341.50	.....	.....	896.50	95.84	992.34
96	490.00	40.00	25.00	25.00	.....	580.00	49.40	629.40
97	157.00	180.83	32.00	.....	.....	369.83	41.20	411.03
98	516.00	50.00	50.00	.....	.....	616.00	55.00	671.00
99	475.00	78.00	32.07	96.00	28.00	681.07	135.71	844.78
100	770.00	272.14	157.74	.....	39.50	1,199.88	143.98	1,383.36
101	730.00	140.00	35.00	.....	10.00	905.00	201.61	1,106.61
102	1,280.00	948.23	.....	325.00	5.00	2,553.23	98.06	2,656.29
103	545.00	154.00	500.00	.....	.....	1,199.00	96.20	1,295.20
104	670.00	100.00	40.00	225.00	.....	1,035.00	95.25	1,130.25
105	660.00	155.80	104.00	40.00	29.41	959.80	128.95	1,118.16
106	878.92	591.62	76.70	.....	.....	1,547.24	180.00	1,727.24
107	1,490.00	1,000.00	100.00	.....	163.04	2,590.00	324.57	3,077.61
108	515.00	182.00	650.00	.....	5.00	1,347.00	149.75	1,501.75
109	725.00	186.00	.....	.....	14.25	856.00	223.73	1,093.98
110	637.00	95.00	1,900.00	.....	.....	2,632.00	64.63	2,696.63
111	215.17	30.00	.....	.....	.....	245.17	26.50	271.67
112	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
113	805.00	375.00	25.00	.....	1.50	1,205.00	185.89	1,392.39
114	160.00	31.16	8.00	.....	.....	199.16	34.52	233.68
115	627.00	75.00	39.92	.....	.....	741.92	67.81	819.73
116	645.00	201.43	.....	75.00	20.00	921.43	179.57	1,121.00
117	520.00	100.00	.....	.....	.....	620.00	95.56	715.56
118	1,405.00	945.00	2,420.00	.....	120.00	4,770.00	501.00	5,391.00
119	660.00	376.87	155.00	66.00	.....	1,257.87	67.33	1,325.20
120	1,550.00	2,280.00	889.04	.....	10.00	4,719.04	668.22	5,397.26
121	1,285.00	495.00	100.00	42.00	319.00	1,922.00	356.19	2,588.19
122	150.00	23.00	101.75	.....	14.00	274.75	26.24	314.99
123	385.00	250.00	.....	.....	.....	635.00	25.25	660.25
124	305.00	202.64	151.25	272.17	.....	931.06	34.75	965.81
125	435.00	80.00	15.00	334.58	.....	864.58	98.00	962.58
126	22.50	4.67	1,000.00	.....	.....	1,027.17	.....	1,027.17
	80,604.57	30,502.02	42,376.23	13,689.76	1,649.67	168,822.25	16,705.89	175,664.07

## Collections for General Interests

No.	CHARGE.	Bible.	Tract.	CONFERENCE.		SEMINARY.		MIN. EDUCAT'N	
				Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
1	Accomac .....	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.25	16.00	6.00	5.00	2.00
2	Alexandria .....	.25	.25	4.00	4.00	20.00	20.00	6.00	6.00
3	Amelia .....	.40	.34	2.00	2.00	12.00	8.00	4.00	3.50
4	Baltimore .....	1.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	16.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
5	Barren Creek ..	.50	1.00	2.00	1.00	8.00	4.00	3.00	3.00
6	Bedford .....	.50	1.00	4.00	1.50	20.00	9.00	6.00	3.00
7	Belair .....	2.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	16.00	16.00	5.00	5.00
8	Bethany .....	.50	.25	1.00	.50	4.00	2.00	2.00	1.00
9	Broadway .....	.25	.25	3.00	3.00	16.00	16.00	5.00	5.00
10	Brooklyn .....	2.00	1.00	3.00	1.50	16.00	11.00	5.00	5.00
11	Cambria .....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	4.00	.....	2.00	.....
12	Cambridge .....	1.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	20.00	10.00	6.00	5.00
13	Campbell .....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	4.00	1.00	2.00	.....
14	Canton (St. J'n's)	.50	.50	1.00	1.00	4.00	4.00	2.00	2.00
15	Caroline .....	1.00	1.00	4.00	3.00	20.00	13.00	6.00	6.00
16	Cecil .....	2.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	24.00	12.00	8.00	4.00
17	Central .....	1.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	24.00	24.00	8.00	8.00
18	Centreville .....	8.36	1.00	3.00	3.00	16.00	16.00	5.00	5.00
19	Chesapeake .....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	16.00	12.00	5.00	4.00
20	Chestertown .....	4.32	8.50	7.00	2.11	36.00	23.15	11.00	8.00
21	Chincoteague ..	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	8.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
22	Christ's Church ..	.25	.25	1.00	.50	4.00	4.00	2.00	2.00
23	Clayton .....	.50	.50	3.00	1.50	16.00	9.50	5.00	2.00
24	Concord .....	.75	.75	4.00	2.00	20.00	10.00	6.00	2.00
25	Conquest .....	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	12.00	7.68	4.00	3.22
26	Crisfield .....	1.00	1.00	4.00	4.00	20.00	20.00	6.00	6.00
27	Crumpton .....	.25	.25	2.00	.75	12.00	2.55	4.00	3.00
28	Cumberland .....	1.61	1.53	3.00	3.00	16.00	16.00	5.00	5.00
29	Deer Creek .....	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	12.00	5.00	4.00	2.00
30	Deer Park .....	.....	.....	2.00	1.00	12.00	.....	4.00	.....
31	Delmar .....	2.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	16.00	16.00	5.00	3.00
32	Delta .....	1.75	1.15	3.00	1.50	16.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
33	Dorchester .....	.50	.50	4.00	2.00	20.00	7.00	6.00	3.00
34	Dover .....	.50	.50	1.00	1.00	4.00	4.00	2.00	2.00
35	East Baltimore ..	4.00	15.88	6.00	6.00	32.00	20.00	10.00	10.00
36	Easton .....	*300.00	*200.00	6.00	6.00	32.00	32.00	10.00	10.00
37	Elizabeth City ..	.....	.....	5.00	5.00	28.00	18.00	9.00	5.00
38	Ellicott City .....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	4.00	.....	2.00	.....
39	Eutaw .....	1.00	4.50	3.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
40	Fairfax .....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	8.00	8.00	3.00	3.00
41	Fairview .....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	8.00	2.00	3.00	2.00
42	Fawn Grove .....	.50	.50	4.00	2.00	20.00	15.00	6.00	3.00
43	Felton .....	.25	.25	2.00	2.00	12.00	6.00	4.00	2.00

\*Mrs. T. A. Reese contributed \$200 to Bible and Tract Societies. Richard Thomas contributed \$100 to Bible cause.

For the Year Ending April, 1896.

No.	SUPERAN'UATES.		GEN.HOME MIS'S		CHURCH EXTEN.		Foreign Missions.	TOTAL.	
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	32.00	12.00	12.00	4.50	37.00	13.00	52.40	175.00	93.15
2	40.00	40.00	15.00	15.00	46.00	46.00	84.04	215.54	215.54
3	24.00	12.00	9.00	4.00	28.00	12.50	19.00	97.74	61.74
4	32.00	23.36	12.00	6.00	37.00	6.00	28.28	129.00	77.64
5	16.00	6.00	6.00	2.00	19.00	6.00	13.00	68.50	36.50
6	40.00	14.00	15.00	7.00	46.00	15.00	30.20	161.00	81.20
7	32.00	25.50	12.00	12.00	37.00	20.00	65.35	155.00	149.25
8	8.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	10.00	4.00	8.10	34.00	21.35
9	32.00	32.00	12.00	12.00	37.00	37.00	40.15	129.00	145.65
10	32.00	23.00	12.00	6.00	37.00	7.71	14.07	132.00	71.28
11	8.00	.....	3.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	40.00	25.00	15.00	12.00	46.00	34.85	33.08	163.00	128.93
13	8.00	.....	3.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	1.00
14	8.00	8.00	3.00	3.00	10.00	10.00	11.20	34.00	40.20
15	40.00	26.00	15.00	10.00	46.00	29.00	35.00	179.00	124.00
16	48.00	24.00	18.00	10.50	56.00	23.00	69.22	198.00	147.72
17	48.00	48.00	18.00	18.00	56.00	56.00	106.00	267.00	267.00
18	32.00	32.00	12.00	12.00	37.00	37.00	75.62	189.98	189.98
19	32.00	25.00	12.00	12.00	37.00	30.00	40.00	129.00	130.00
20	72.00	*72.00	25.00	18.00	84.00	77.21	108.47	734.10	713.04
21	16.00	7.00	6.00	3.00	19.00	7.00	6.00	66.00	32.00
22	8.00	6.00	3.00	2.50	10.00	8.00	4.50	34.00	28.00
23	32.00	15.00	12.00	6.00	37.00	16.00	66.00	129.00	117.00
24	40.00	10.00	15.00	1.00	46.00	3.15	16.58	162.50	46.23
25	24.00	20.89	9.00	9.00	28.00	27.00	30.21	97.00	100.00
26	40.00	40.00	15.00	15.00	46.00	26.00	70.28	183.00	183.28
27	24.00	4.00	9.00	4.25	28.00	3.00	14.50	96.50	32.55
28	32.00	32.00	12.00	12.00	37.00	37.00	13.85	129.00	139.99
29	24.00	11.00	9.00	3.00	28.00	5.00	6.00	98.00	35.00
30	24.00	3.10	9.00	3.50	28.00	2.05	20.76	99.00	30.40
31	32.00	30.00	12.00	16.00	37.00	30.00	24.00	140.00	114.00
32	32.00	12.00	12.00	6.00	37.00	12.00	21.49	131.90	70.89
33	40.00	16.00	15.00	5.00	46.00	20.00	34.15	162.00	78.15
34	8.00	8.00	3.00	3.00	10.00	10.00	19.00	48.00	48.00
35	64.00	50.00	24.00	15.00	75.00	50.00	126.04	362.90	296.92
36	64.00	64.00	24.00	24.00	75.00	*275.00	153.55	259.00	1,164.55
37	56.00	44.17	21.00	21.00	66.00	62.12	66.68	262.00	221.87
38	8.00	.....	3.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	34.00	6.02
39	32.00	28.00	12.00	8.00	37.00	37.00	45.84	134.50	150.03
40	16.00	16.00	6.00	6.00	19.00	19.00	12.00	68.00	68.00
41	16.00	3.00	6.00	2.00	19.00	5.00	12.00	71.00	30.00
42	40.00	30.00	15.00	5.00	46.00	20.00	35.00	162.00	111.00
43	24.00	10.50	9.00	5.00	28.00	10.00	24.24	97.50	60.24

\*Mrs. T. A. Reese contributed \$200.00 to Baltimore City Church Extension Society.

## Collections for General Interests

No.	CHARGE.	Bible.	Tract.	CONFERENCE.		SEMINARY.		MIN. EDU'N	
				Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
44	Federalsburg...	....	....	1.00	....	4.00	....	2.00	....
45	Finksburg.....	1.00	1.00	4.00	3.00	20.00	20.00	6.00	6.00
46	First Church...	.75	.50	4.00	2.00	20.00	10.00	6.00	3.00
47	Franklin City...	.50	.50	3.00	1.00	16.00	8.00	5.00	2.00
48	Frederica.....	.25	.25	2.00	.65	8.00	2.00	3.00	1.00
49	Frederick.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	16.00	9.00	5.00	3.00
50	Geo'g'town, D.C.	2.25	2.00	8.00	7.50	40.00	*118.15	13.00	13.05
51	Geo'g'town, Del.	.52	2.50	3.00	3.00	16.00	16.00	5.00	5.00
52	Greenwood....	1.02	1.02	2.00	2.00	12.00	12.00	4.00	4.00
53	Grove.....	.50	.50	3.00	1.00	16.00	5.00	5.00	2.00
54	Hampden.....	1.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	28.00	15.00	9.00	5.00
55	Harper's Ferry.	.25	.25	2.00	2.00	8.00	8.00	3.00	3.00
56	Harrington....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	16.00	15.00	5.00	5.00
57	Heathsville....	.50	.50	4.00	2.00	20.00	9.00	6.00	6.00
58	Holly Run.....	.50	.50	2.00	.25	12.00	2.85	4.00	2.00
59	Howard.....	1.00	6.28	3.00	3.00	16.00	16.00	5.00	5.00
60	Hurlock.....	.25	.25	2.00	1.00	8.00	5.00	3.00	2.00
61	Indian River.	....	....	1.00	1.00	4.00	6.60	2.00	1.00
62	Jefferson.....	4.25	20.03	8.00	8.00	40.00	40.00	13.00	13.00
63	Kempton.....	1.00	.50	2.00	2.50	12.00	12.00	4.00	2.00
64	Kennedyville..	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	12.00	12.00	4.00	4.00
65	Kent Island....	.25	.25	3.00	3.00	16.00	16.00	5.00	5.00
66	Laurel, Del....	7.03	....	5.00	5.00	24.00	25.00	8.00	11.20
67	Leipsic.....	.15	.10	2.00	1.00	8.00	2.00	3.00	2.00
68	Liberty.....	4.12	4.13	4.00	4.00	20.00	20.00	6.00	6.00
69	Lisbon.....	1.00	14.28	4.00	2.00	20.00	15.00	6.00	6.00
70	Lynchburg....	1.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	20.00	10.00	6.00	6.00
71	Mariner's.....	1.00	1.00	4.00	1.00	20.00	7.00	6.00	3.00
72	Marley.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	8.00	3.00	3.00	2.00
73	Middleway.....	....	....	2.00	1.91	8.00	2.23	3.00	2.09
74	Milton.....	3.30	.25	3.00	1.00	16.00	3.00	5.00	2.10
75	Mt. Nebo.....	....	....	2.00	1.00	12.00	6.00	4.00	3.00
76	Mt. Tabor....	.50	.50	3.00	2.50	16.00	13.00	5.00	5.00
77	Newark.....	3.00	3.00	8.00	8.00	40.00	40.00	13.00	23.00
78	Newcastle.....	....	....	1.00	....	4.00	....	2.00	....
79	New Market...	1.30	1.20	4.00	2.00	20.00	16.67	6.00	3.00
80	Nichol's Memo'l	.68	.42	1.00	.57	4.00	1.57	2.00	1.65
81	N. Balt. Mission	.50	.50	2.00	1.00	8.00	5.00	3.00	3.00
82	N. C. Avenue..	1.42	1.42	2.00	2.00	12.00	8.00	4.00	3.00
83	Oak Grove.....	....	....	2.00	1.00	12.00	8.00	4.00	3.10
84	Oxford.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	16.00	16.00	5.00	5.00
85	Parksley.....	....	....	1.00	1.00	4.00	4.00	2.00	2.00
86	Payson-St. Balt.	....	....	2.00	1.50	8.00	3.00	3.00	2.00

\*\$100 contributed for Endowment.

For the Year Ending April, 1896.

No.	SUPERAN'UATES.		GEN. HOME MIS'S		CHURCH EXTEN.		Foreign Missions.	TOTAL.	
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
44	8.00	.....	3.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
45	40.00	40.00	15.00	20.00	46.00	41.33	80.00	226.61	212.33
46	40.00	15.00	15.00	5.00	46.00	20.00	52.20	161.00	108.45
47	32.00	10.00	12.00	8.00	37.00	15.00	15.00	129.00	60.00
48	16.00	2.80	6.00	1.00	19.00	2.00	8.30	72.50	19.25
49	32.00	18.00	12.00	7.00	37.00	20.00	87.60	131.00	148.60
50	80.00	35.35	30.00	18.10	93.00	40.45	129.14	324.00	365.99
51	32.00	32.00	12.00	12.00	37.00	37.00	34.19	142.21	142.21
52	24.00	24.00	9.00	9.00	28.00	28.00	38.58	119.62	119.62
53	32.00	8.00	12.00	2.00	37.00	8.00	10.32	130.00	37.32
54	56.00	30.00	21.00	6.00	65.00	40.00	248.44	226.00	348.44
55	16.00	16.00	6.00	6.00	19.00	19.00	19.52	74.02	74.02
56	32.00	20.00	12.00	10.00	37.00	25.00	27.67	149.00	107.67
57	40.00	20.00	15.00	8.00	46.00	13.00	73.00	162.00	131.00
58	24.00	1.75	9.00	1.00	28.00	3.00	2.00	97.00	13.85
59	32.00	32.00	12.00	8.00	37.00	37.00	28.70	136.98	136.98
60	16.00	10.00	6.00	3.00	19.00	10.00	17.16	77.96	49.96
61	8.00	6.60	3.00	.....	10.00	.....	7.00	41.00	17.60
62	80.00	80.00	30.00	33.50	93.00	93.00	186.24	474.52	478.02
63	24.00	16.00	9.00	4.00	28.00	13.41	68.70	161.20	130.11
64	24.00	24.00	9.00	9.00	28.00	28.00	35.60	133.00	115.60
65	32.00	32.00	12.00	12.00	37.00	37.00	28.00	143.50	143.50
66	48.00	48.25	18.00	23.00	56.00	80.00	123.82	202.03	323.30
67	16.00	1.50	6.00	2.50	19.00	2.00	6.00	60.25	17.25
68	40.00	40.00	15.00	15.00	46.00	46.00	110.00	161.00	249.25
69	40.00	30.00	15.00	7.25	46.00	35.00	110.16	256.44	220.69
70	40.00	25.00	15.00	11.00	46.00	10.00	174.00	161.00	240.00
71	40.00	14.00	15.00	5.00	46.00	16.00	31.50	163.00	79.50
72	16.00	6.00	6.00	2.50	19.00	3.50	10.00	75.00	30.00
73	16.00	2.30	6.00	1.12	19.00	2.33	20.00	66.00	*22.97
74	32.00	6.00	12.00	3.00	37.00	6.00	14.00	142.55	38.55
75	24.00	10.31	9.00	5.00	28.00	10.00	20.00	97.00	55.31
76	32.00	30.00	12.00	10.00	38.00	25.60	24.00	131.00	111.10
77	80.00	80.00	30.00	30.00	93.00	93.00	102.00	330.00	382.10
78	8.00	.....	3.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
79	40.00	24.00	15.00	9.00	46.00	27.56	45.05	161.00	129.78
80	8.00	2.11	3.00	1.07	10.00	1.75	.75	35.10	10.57
81	16.00	5.00	6.00	3.00	19.00	19.00	13.80	75.80	50.80
82	24.00	16.00	9.00	8.00	28.00	18.00	6.66	69.84	64.50
83	24.00	7.00	9.00	8.00	28.00	16.96	23.35	112.25	67.41
84	32.00	32.00	12.00	12.00	38.00	38.00	88.13	132.00	196.13
85	8.00	8.00	3.00	3.00	10.00	10.00	6.00	34.00	34.00
86	16.00	5.50	6.00	4.00	19.00	5.50	13.75	66.00	35.25

\*Including \$18.69 which was destroyed when the Parsonage was burned.

## Collections for General Interests

No.	CHARGE.	Bible.	Tract.	CONFERENCE.		SEMINARY.		MIN. EDUCA'N	
				Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
87	Pipe Creek.....	3.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	16.00	13.00	5.00	4.00
88	Pittsville.....	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	12.00	12.00	4.00	4.00
89	Pocomoke.....	.25	.25	2.00	1.00	12.00	3.00	4.00	2.00
90	Pocomoke City.	2.00	2.00	6.00	6.00	32.00	32.00	10.00	10.00
91	Potomac.....	....	....	2.00	2.00	12.00	6.00	4.00	3.39
92	Powellsville...	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	12.00	8.00	4.00	3.00
93	Prince Geo., Va.	....	....	1.00	.25	4.00	2.00	2.00	.90
94	Quantico.....	2.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
95	Queen Anne...	.48	.36	2.00	2.00	8.00	8.00	3.00	3.00
96	Reliance.....	.50	.50	2.00	1.00	12.00	5.00	4.00	2.00
97	Remington-Ave	.60	.60	2.00	2.00	8.00	4.00	3.00	3.00
98	Rowlandville...	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	12.00	6.00	4.00	4.00
99	Salem.....	1.10	.67	2.00	2.00	12.00	12.00	4.00	4.00
100	Salisbury.....	1.38	1.00	3.00	2.19	16.00	11.68	5.00	3.65
101	St. James.....	4.00	3.25	5.00	4.00	24.00	15.00	8.00	6.00
102	St. Luke's.....	.50	.50	3.00	2.25	16.00	8.00	5.00	4.00
103	St. Michael's...	.25	.20	2.00	*.75	12.00	8.25	4.00	3.00
104	Seaford.....	2.00	.25	3.00	2.00	16.00	10.00	5.00	3.00
105	Snow Hill.....	3.50	.75	2.00	2.00	12.00	12.00	4.00	4.00
106	S. Baltimore...	.50	.50	5.00	1.00	24.00	20.00	8.00	8.00
107	Starr.....	6.75	7.57	8.00	5.00	40.00	35.00	13.00	10.00
108	Stewartstown...	.75	.75	2.00	2.00	12.00	12.00	4.00	4.00
109	Susquehanna...	.77	.80	4.00	4.00	20.00	16.50	6.00	6.00
110	Sussex.....	1.13	.50	2.00	1.00	12.00	10.00	4.00	3.00
111	Talbot.....	.25	.25	2.00	1.00	8.00	1.25	3.00	3.00
112	Towson.....	....	....	1.00	....	4.00	....	2.00	....
113	Trinity.....	....	....	5.00	2.00	24.00	15.75	8.00	4.00
114	Tyreeanna.....	.25	.25	2.00	2.00	8.00	4.00	3.00	3.00
115	Union.....	.60	.70	3.00	1.00	16.00	5.00	5.00	2.00
116	Union Bridge..	2.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	16.00	16.00	5.00	5.00
117	Warwick.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	16.00	6.00	5.00	2.00
118	Washington-St.	5.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	36.00	36.00	11.00	*41.00
119	Waverly.....	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	8.00	5.00	3.00	2.00
120	W. Baltimore..	1.78	11.85	8.00	8.00	40.00	33.33	13.00	22.25
121	Westminster....	5.00	23.60	7.00	5.00	36.00	36.00	11.00	8.00
122	Williamsport...	.25	.10	2.00	1.00	8.00	6.00	3.00	1.00
123	Wilm'g'n, 1st C.	.25	.20	2.00	1.00	8.00	2.00	3.00	1.25
124	Wilm'g'n, 2d C.	.40	.35	1.00	1.00	4.00	4.00	2.00	2.00
125	Wye.....	1.50	1.50	2.00	2.00	8.00	8.00	3.00	3.00
	Chatsworth....	15.00	15.00	....	3.00	....	20.00	....	17.35
	St. John's (Ind.)	9.50	10.40	....	.50	....	400.00	....	....
	Totals.....	467.67	430.33	380.00	277.65	1,923.00	1,475.08	632.00	964.71

\*\$30 Special Contribution for Ministerial Education.



## For the Year Ending April, 1896.

No.	SUPERAN'UATES.		GEN. HOME MIS'S		CHURCH EXTEN.		Foreign Missions.	TOTAL.	
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.
87	\$32.00	\$26.00	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$37.00	\$33.00	\$96.28	\$134.00	\$190.28
88	24.00	24.00	9.00	9.00	28.00	28.00	28.47	108.47	108.47
89	24.00	5.00	9.00	4.00	28.00	6.00	4.00	97.50	25.50
90	64.00	64.00	24.00	24.00	75.00	75.00	136.28	429.03	429.03
91	24.00	12.00	9.00	5.00	28.00	12.00	13.00	97.00	53.39
92	24.00	14.00	9.00	6.00	28.00	16.00	22.00	110.00	72.00
93	8.00	1.21	3.00	1.00	10.00	2.00	8.17	38.17	15.53
94	32.00	20.00	12.00	5.00	37.00	9.00	35.00	129.00	90.00
95	16.00	16.00	6.00	6.00	19.00	19.00	31.00	95.84	95.84
96	24.00	5.00	9.00	2.00	28.00	13.00	20.40	98.00	49.40
97	16.00	9.00	6.00	4.00	18.00	10.00	8.00	65.00	41.20
98	24.00	10.00	9.00	9.00	28.00	12.00	10.00	99.00	55.00
99	24.00	24.00	9.00	9.00	28.00	28.00	54.94	135.71	135.71
100	32.00	23.86	12.00	8.76	37.00	27.01	64.45	131.38	143.98
101	48.00	38.00	18.00	18.00	56.00	46.86	56.50	232.75	201.61
102	32.00	22.00	12.00	6.00	37.00	30.00	24.81	130.00	98.06
103	24.00	20.10	9.00	6.25	28.00	19.25	28.15	97.00	96.20
104	32.00	16.00	12.00	6.00	37.00	20.00	36.00	153.25	95.25
105	24.00	18.74	9.00	7.00	28.00	22.00	58.96	101.25	128.95
106	48.00	48.00	18.00	18.00	50.00	48.00	36.00	196.00	180.00
107	80.00	56.00	30.00	16.00	93.00	70.00	118.25	324.00	324.57
108	24.00	24.00	9.00	9.00	28.00	28.00	69.25	149.75	149.75
109	40.00	40.00	15.00	11.00	46.00	42.00	102.66	239.23	223.73
110	24.00	10.00	9.00	3.00	28.00	6.00	30.00	97.00	64.63
111	16.00	5.00	6.00	5.00	18.00	2.25	8.50	65.50	26.50
112	8.00	.....	3.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
113	48.00	31.00	18.00	17.50	56.00	7.90	82.74	254.49	185.89
114	16.00	5.00	6.00	4.00	19.00	4.02	12.00	66.00	34.52
115	32.00	9.00	12.00	4.00	37.00	10.00	35.61	160.91	67.81
116	32.00	32.00	12.00	12.00	37.00	37.00	64.57	136.00	179.57
117	32.00	14.00	12.00	4.00	37.00	18.00	48.56	129.00	95.56
118	72.00	73.00	27.00	27.00	84.00	84.00	220.00	501.00	531.00
119	16.00	11.00	6.00	5.00	19.00	12.50	28.83	67.00	67.33
120	80.00	80.77	30.00	30.33	93.00	43.03	436.88	327.63	668.22
121	72.00	60.00	27.00	10.00	84.00	61.00	148.93	319.60	356.19
122	16.00	2.00	6.00	1.00	10.00	3.00	11.89	57.35	26.24
123	16.00	5.00	6.00	1.55	10.00	5.00	9.00	66.45	25.25
124	8.00	8.00	3.00	3.00	10.00	10.00	6.00	34.75	34.75
125	16.00	16.00	6.00	6.00	19.00	19.00	39.00	96.00	98.00
.....	.....	50.00	.....	15.00	.....	35.00	110.00	.....	280.35
.....	.....	80.50	.....	.....	.....	*224.00	150.00	.....	939.90
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	3,864.00	2,788.22	1,449.00	1,035.68	4,500.00	2,949.31	†6,321.56	15,646.00	16,705.89

\* \$200.00 Special Contribution to Remington Ave. M. P. Church.

Including \$14.75 a Special Contribution to Rev. J. A. Weigand.

† Plus \$3,423.56 Special Contributions to Foreign Missions.



## Membership Statistics

No.	CHARGES.	No. Unstationed Min's & Prea'rs.	Probationers.	Members.	PROBATIONERS.						
					No. on Roll at last Con- ference.	Rec'd during the year.	Elected to Membership.	Withdra'n by Certificate.	Discontin'u'd	Deceased.	Now on Roll
1	Accomac .....		15	270	9	6	...	...	...	...	15
2	Alexandria .....	1	27	186	23	24	13	...	1	...	27
3	Amelia .....		2	210	2	1	1	...	...	...	2
4	Baltimore .....		4	204	5	37	36	...	...	2	4
5	Barren Creek..	1	2	171	6	2	2	...	4	...	2
6	Bedford .....		...	256	2	49	51	...	...	...	...
7	Belair .....	1	22	171	12	18	8	...	...	...	22
8	Bethany .....	2	20	78	...	44	24	...	...	...	20
9	Broadway .....	1	8	190	12	17	21	...	...	...	8
10	Brooklyn .....	1	2	87	4	...	2	...	...	...	2
11	Cambridge .....	2	37	215	37	26	...	...	...	...	37
12	Campbell .....		...	78	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	Caroline .....	1	62	229	24	51	13	...	...	...	62
14	Cecil .....		30	295	23	50	37	...	3	...	30
15	Central .....	2	7	133	4	13	4	...	...	...	7
16	Centreville .....		21	160	27	14	16	...	4	...	21
17	Chesapeake .....	1	6	121	3	3	...	...	...	...	6
18	Chestertown .....		...	266	36	30	30	...	3	...	...
19	Chincoteague .....		5	79	5	...	...	...	...	...	5
20	Christ Church..	1	12	58	...	28	15	...	...	...	12
21	Clayton .....	1	137	230	19	157	38	2	...	...	137
22	Concord .....		5	282	5	11	11	...	...	1	5
23	Conquest .....		18	229	26	15	15	...	...	...	24
24	Crisfield .....		48	270	40	8	...	...	...	...	48
25	Crumpton .....		12	118	50	20	16	...	10	...	12
26	Cumberland .....		6	100	5	17	9	...	...	...	6
27	Deer Creek .....		10	225	7	70	63	...	...	...	10
28	Deer Park .....	1	...	187	4	6	10	...	...	...	...
29	Delmar .....		8	244	...	29	29	...	...	...	8
30	Delta .....		...	129	3	5	5	...	3	...	...
31	Dorchester .....		37	296	43	7	...	...	13	...	31
32	Dover .....	1	...	88	...	42	42	...	1	1	...
33	East Baltimore.	1	3	244	3	22	20	1	...	1	3
34	Easton .....		7	209	27	1	21	...	...	...	7
35	Elizabeth .....		13	241	18	15	17	...	3	1	13
36	Eutaw .....		5	73	...	5	...	...	...	...	5
37	Fairfax .....	2	...	124	30	30	...	...	...	...	...
38	Fairview .....		47	45	5	7	5	...	...	...	47
39	Fawn Grove .....		...	333	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
40	Federalsburg .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
41	Felton .....	1	5	187	11	3	9	...	...	...	5
42	Finksburg .....	1	19	341	14	11	5	...	1	...	19

## For the Year Ending April, 1896.

No.	FULL MEMBERS.							BAPTISMS.		SABBATH SCHOOLS.				CONVERSIONS.	
	No. on Roll at last Conference.	Rec'd from Probation.	Received by Certificate.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.	Deceased.	Now on Roll	Adults.	Infants.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Schol's Received.	Scholars on Roll.	In School.	In Congregation.
1	275	...	...	2	...	1	270	...	9	3	35	10	222	...	7
2	185	13	4	4	13	1	186	...	17	2	33	83	345	8	16
3	210	1	...	1	...	...	210	...	...	3	26	...	121	1	4
4	161	39	6	2	...	2	204	4	10	4	36	...	186	20	21
5	186	3	3	1	19	1	171	...	1	3	50	...	170	1	2
6	251	51	5	...	46	2	256	4	21	6	42	24	250	...	84
7	170	8	...	2	3	2	171	2	18	4	38	30	186	6	10
8	56	24	8	3	3	4	78	...	24	1	13	50	175	20	60
9	170	21	7	1	...	4	190	...	11	1	33	34	309	11	9
10	89	2	4	4	...	...	87	...	14	1	21	25	110	...	4
11	242	...	2	3	12	...	215	1	9	3	46	38	291	...	42
12	61	...	2	2	...	1	78	10	...	1	7	...	35	...	...
13	223	13	5	7	...	5	229	9	28	3	43	22	184	15	55
14	294	37	3	8	...	2	295	17	6	5	65	30	313	23	29
15	124	6	2	3	4	3	133	...	3	1	13	12	89	4	8
16	142	16	4	...	...	2	160	1	14	1	20	23	135	2	18
17	123	...	3	1	1	3	121	1	13	2	26	10	200	...	3
18	236	30	1	...	...	...	266	...	2	1	40	...	260	...	1
19	77	...	...	1	...	...	79	...	3	1	20	30	115	4	5
20	...	15	44	1	...	2	58	...	...	1	23	110	210	3	13
21	125	38	68	...	1	...	230	50	125	4	30	100	250	...	250
22	272	11	...	...	...	1	282	2	7	3	29	...	191	...	55
23	212	16	3	...	...	2	229	...	...	4	46	79	219	10	3
24	266	...	4	...	...	...	270	1	6	1	29	25	300	0	4
25	75	22	4	1	...	1	118	...	2	2	16	4	101	4	...
26	105	9	3	...	16	1	100	1	27	1	22	50	154	1	14
27	164	63	1	...	1	1	225	3	10	2	19	20	162	...	74
28	262	10	5	5	85	...	187	...	20	4	60	10	425	...	7
29	215	21	13	2	...	3	244	2	28	2	30	10	340	6	19
30	138	5	1	3	11	1	129	1	3	2	22	41	170	...	5
31	301	...	...	2	...	3	296	...	...	4	51	47	297	...	20
32	45	40	6	3	...	...	88	4	13	1	15	90	143	8	30
33	223	20	18	16	...	1	244	...	6	1	21	100	257	10	6
34	194	21	4	7	...	3	209	...	...	1	25	12	168	...	...
35	222	17	17	9	5	1	241	...	...	1	40	78	364	12	3
36	73	...	2	...	1	1	73	1	2	1	13	15	71	...	5
37	94	30	5	1	2	2	124	25	3	3	36	...	190	5	25
38	38	5	2	1	...	...	45	12	12	1	16	30	130	10	21
39	328	9	...	1	...	3	333	2	14	3	33	85	310	4	5
40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
41	179	9	...	1	...	...	187	...	...	4	32	24	210	...	7
42	341	5	2	1	4	2	341	1	22	4	54	36	435	...	10

## Membership Statistics

No.	CHARGES.	No. Unstationed Min'rs & Prea'rs.	Probationers.	Members.	PROBATIONERS.						
					No. on Roll at last Con- ference.	Rec'd during the year.	Elected to Membership.	Withdra'n by Certificate.	Discontin'u'd	Deceased.	Now on Roll
43	First Church ..	1	56	172	18	56	...	...	18	...	56
44	Franklin City..	1	40	280	...	45	5	...	...	...	40
45	Frederica.....	...	59	105	17	62	6	...	14	...	59
46	Frederick.....	...	13	156	8	5	...	...	...	...	13
47	Georget'n, D. C.	1	...	284	5	19	22	...	3	...	...
48	Georget'n, Del..	...	98	279	71	57	15	1	12	2	98
49	Greenwood.....	...	67	149	...	67	...	...	...	...	67
50	Grove.....	...	25	210	...	28	3	...	...	...	25
51	Hampden.....	3	2	373	7	26	27	...	...	...	2
52	Harper's Ferry..	...	70	113	2	78	10	2	2	1	70
53	Harrington.....	...	120	175	20	120	20	...	...	...	120
54	Heathsville....	1	...	403	...	6	6	...	...	...	...
55	Holly Run.....	...	5	66	3	18	16	...	13	...	5
56	Howard.....	...	3	202	7	4	4	...	4	...	3
57	Hurlocks.....	...	1	125	...	5	4	...	...	...	1
58	Indian Mission..	...	12	39	1	11	...	...	...	...	12
59	Jefferson.....	1	...	351	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
60	Kempton.....	1	30	333	30	34	31	...	...	...	30
61	Kennedyville..	...	1	136	6	41	40	...	6	...	1
62	Kent Island.....	...	1	123	12	7	35	...	...	...	1
63	Laurel.....	1	30	233	13	23	3	...	3	...	30
64	Leipsic.....	...	14	51	15	16	11	...	6	...	14
65	Liberty.....	...	...	259	43	1	40	...	4	...	...
66	Lisbon.....	...	37	289	12	45	18	...	...	...	37
67	Lynchburg.....	...	...	125	2	1	3	...	...	...	...
68	Mariners.....	...	5	164	3	...	...	...	3	...	5
69	Marley.....	...	11	80	11	14	9	...	5	...	11
70	Middleway.....	...	8	155	3	7	2	...	...	...	8
71	Milton.....	2	55	222	45	55	29	...	16	...	55
72	Mt. Nebo.....	...	10	88	14	1	5	3	...	...	10
73	Mt. Tabor.....	...	1	101	1	2	...	1	...	1	1
74	Newark.....	3	8	283	15	15	15	...	...	...	8
75	New Market....	...	12	316	53	31	61	...	10	1	12
76	N. C. Avenue....	...	3	105	16	7	19	1	...	...	3
77	Nichols' Memo'l	...	3	22	3	...	...	...	...	...	3
78	N. Baltimore....	...	...	72	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
79	Oak Grove.....	...	14	152	12	7	4	...	...	1	14
80	Oxford.....	1	...	178	...	15	15	...	...	...	...
81	Parksley.....	...	34	41	...	34	3	...	...	...	34
82	Patapsco.....	2	3	50	20	34	54	...	1	...	3
83	Payson St.....	1	10	73	38	4	11	...	19	2	10
84	Pipe Creek.....	...	1	149	3	6	6	...	1	1	1

For the Year ending April, 1896.

No.	FULL MEMBERS.							BAPTISMS.		SABBATH SCHOOLS.				CONVERSIONS.	
	No. on Roll at last Conference.	Rec'd from Probation.	Received by Certificate.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.	Deceased.	Now on Roll	Adults.	Infants.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars Received.	Scholars on Roll.	In School.	In Congregation.
43	168	.....	10	6	...	...	172	....	20	1	15	60	250	16	60
44	276	5	1	...	...	2	280	12	10	5	42	20	250	10	80
45	121	6	1	3	19	1	105	...	2	1	14	24	135	35	35
46	170	.....	...	4	4	6	156	1	18	4	59	23	380	...	15
47	275	23	5	6	7	3	284	1	5	1	28	...	215	...	19
48	268	15	9	5	7	1	279	17	81	3	39	30	304	23	35
49	159	.....	1	6	...	5	149	3	11	2	25	19	148	30	51
50	226	3	...	2	15	2	210	...	4	4	43	12	183	15	34
51	372	27	6	5	10	5	373	1	37	2	50	94	603	...	5
52	114	10	...	7	1	3	113	2	11	1	18	27	132	...	115
53	170	20	5	4	...	2	175	8	10	2	49	81	335	8	50
54	401	6	...	2	...	2	403	2	3	4	35	10	410	...	6
55	79	16	6	...	13	...	66	1	2	2	17	8	81	...	23
56	202	4	2	...	2	2	202	...	14	3½	32	...	245	...	4
57	123	4	1	1	...	2	125	2	24	3	22	3	85	...	10
58	39	.....	...	...	...	...	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
59	350	10	7	...	...	2	351	...	17	4	60	...	270	...	12
60	303	31	1	1	...	4	333	2	17	4	55	36	402	10	25
61	136	40	2	9	33	...	136	1	11	1	20	15	96	12	31
62	88	35	3	1	...	3	123	...	10	1	10	12	102	10	50
63	240	3	3	10	...	3	233	4	14	1	25	5	205	26	1
64	70	11	1	6	25	...	51	...	...	1	8	4	60	...	18
65	226	40	2	2	...	5	259	1	8	4	67	8	319	...	14
66	272	18	3	1	...	3	289	3	20	5	60	17	334	...	53
67	126	3	4	4	6	1	125	1	3	1	17	8	97	1	...
68	186	25	1	3	30	4	164	...	...	1	18	12	135	4	40
69	78	14	1	...	11	2	80	...	...	2	27	42	161	...	22
70	159	2	1	7	...	...	155	2	...	4	38	11	131	3	15
71	282	28	...	...	89	...	222	...	11	4	30	18	250	12	55
72	.....	5	...	...	27	...	88	1	5	1	12	...	78	...	5
73	102	2	...	1	...	1	101	...	17	1	19	7	86	...	1
74	265	15	9	4	...	2	283	3	1	1	34	42	241	2	28
75	257	61	4	...	3	3	316	5	14	4	70	30	300	10	20
76	102	19	4	2	16	2	105	2	5	1	19	17	117	2	7
77	17	.....	6	2	...	...	22	...	8	1	6	20	78	...	1
78	47	.....	25	...	...	...	72	...	7	1	10	20	50	...	...
79	151	4	...	1	...	1	152	5	1	1	15	9	61	8	...
80	167	15	2	4	...	1	178	...	5	1	29	25	150	...	21
81	33	3	5	...	...	...	41	11	9	1	14	...	...	21	14
82	37	54	2	5	38	...	50	...	...	2	16	70	138	...	53
83	66	11	...	1	2	1	73	...	3	1	18	38	158	1	...
84	146	6	1	4	...	1	149	4	14	2	23	14	137	2	2

## Membership Statistics

No.	CHARGES.	No. Unstationed Min. & Prea's.	Probationers.	Members.	PROBATIONERS.						
					No. on Roll at last Con- ference.	Rec'd during the year.	Elected to Membership.	Withdrawn by Certificate.	Discontin'u'd	Deceased.	Now on Roll
85	Pittsville.....	1	36	181	40	...	...	...	4	...	36
86	Pocomoke .....	1	1	203	...	3	2	...	...	...	1
87	Pocomoke City.	1	28	308	22	28	19	1	2	...	28
88	Powellsville....	...	1	182	3	12	14	...	...	...	1
89	Potomac.....	3	...	138	...	17	15	...	2	...	...
90	Prince George..	1	2	69	3	4	4	...	1	...	2
91	Quantico.....	1	24	317	11	17	2	...	2	...	24
92	Queen Anne ...	...	24	110	4	38	14	2	...	...	24
93	Reliance.....	1	6	157	18	5	6	...	6	...	6
94	Remington.....	1	7	91	6	29	22	...	...	...	7
95	Rowlandville..	...	...	123	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
96	St. James'.....	...	12	179	9	27	36	...	6	...	12
97	St. John's, Can'n	1	41	42	4	47	9	...	...	...	41
98	St. Luke's.....	2	2	116	6	5	9	...	...	...	2
99	St. Michael's...	1	24	149	32	6	11	...	4	...	24
100	Salem.....	3	...	99	6	3	3	...	5	1	...
101	Salisbury.....	1	28	213	2	26	...	...	...	...	28
102	Seaford.....	...	...	191	26	...	26	...	...	...	...
103	Snow Hill.....	2	2	309	40	28	40	...	26	...	2
104	S. Baltimore...	4	2	158	37	20	16	...	33	...	2
105	Starr.....	2	5	318	3	5	3	...	...	...	5
106	Stewartstown..	...	8	200	4	45	41	...	...	...	8
107	Susquehanna...	1	6	204	2	10	6	...	...	...	6
108	Sussex.....	...	...	324	...	29	29	...	...	...	...
109	Talbot.....	...	...	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
110	Towson.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
111	Trinity.....	...	8	176	14	7	9	...	3	1	8
112	Tyreeanna.....	...	5	78	5	24	24	...	...	...	5
113	Union.....	...	11	173	7	20	15	...	1	...	11
114	Union Bridge..	...	1	130	4	10	9	...	...	...	1
115	Warwick.....	...	8	113	4	20	8	1	7	...	8
116	Washington St.	1	31	471	24	33	18	...	7	...	31
117	Waverly.....	1	5	125	24	13	11	...	26	...	5
118	W. Baltimore..	5	38	432	54	13	28	1	...	...	38
119	Westminster...	2	1	233	1	5	4	...	1	...	1
120	W. Wilmington	...	12	66	36	20	46	...	10	...	12
121	Williamsport ..	...	14	78	...	31	11	...	6	...	14
122	Wilmington...	1	...	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
123	Wye.....	...	10	87	...	29	14	...	6	...	10
124	Bethel.....	...	2	13	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
	Itinerants.....	...	...	134	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total.....	78	1,929	21,612	1,525	2532	1664	16	344	17	1935



## Report of the Foreign Missionary Steward.

CHARGE.	Paid on Assessment.	Children's Day.	W. F. M. S.	Special.	TOTAL.	
					Assess.	Paid.
Accomac .....	\$ 8.40	\$44.00			\$ 24.00	\$ 52.40
Alexandria .....	30.00	27.69	\$26.35		30.00	84.04
Amelia .....	5.00	14.00			18.00	19.00
Baltimore .....	8.00	20.28			24.00	28.28
Barren Creek .....	1.00	12.00			12.00	13.00
Bedford .....	20.20	10.00			30.00	30.20
Belair .....	20.00	22.00	23.35		24.00	65.35
Bethany .....	3.00	5.10			6.00	8.10
Broadway .....	24.00	16.15			24.00	40.15
Brooklyn .....	3.75	10.32			24.00	14.07
Cambria .....					6.00	
Cambridge .....	21.91	11.17			30.00	33.08
Campbell .....					6.00	
Canton .....	6.00	5.20			6.00	11.20
Caroline .....	19.00	16.00			30.00	35.00
Cecil .....	15.00	33.68	19.04	\$ 1.50	36.00	69.22
Central .....	36.00	25.00	45.00		36.00	106.00
Centreville .....	24.00	33.47	18.15		24.00	75.62
Chesapeake .....	9.77	32.23			24.00	40.00
Chestertown .....	31.50	35.97	41.00		54.00	108.47
Chincoteague .....	6.00				12.00	6.00
Christ Church .....	2.00	2.50			6.00	4.50
Clayton .....	17.00	32.25	16.75		24.00	66.00
Concord .....		14.58		2.00	30.00	16.58
Conquest .....	12.00	18.21			18.00	30.21
Crisfield .....	30.00	27.00	13.28		30.00	70.28
Crumpton .....	4.50	10.00			18.00	14.50
Cumberland .....	24.00	7.85			24.00	31.85
Deer Creek .....		2.00		4.00	18.00	6.00
Deer Park .....		14.76	6.00		18.00	20.76
Delmar .....	16.00	8.00			24.00	24.00
Delta .....	5.50	15.99			24.00	21.49
Dorchester .....	5.00	11.00	18.15		30.00	34.15
Dover .....	6.00	13.00			6.00	19.00
East Baltimore .....	41.92	12.57	71.55		48.00	126.04
Easton .....	48.00	18.00	26.00	61.55	48.00	153.55
Elizabeth City .....	42.00	24.68			42.00	66.68
Ellicott City .....					6.00	
Eutaw .....	15.59	30.25			24.00	45.84
Fairfax .....	12.00				12.00	12.00
Fairview .....	9.00	3.00			12.00	12.00
Fawn Grove .....	2.00	33.00			30.00	35.00
Felton .....	8.00	16.24			18.00	24.24
Federalsburg .....					6.00	
Finksburg .....	15.39	64.61			30.00	80.00
First Church .....	1.00	30.00	21.20		30.00	52.20
Franklin City .....	15.00				24.00	15.00



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CHARGE.	Paid on Assessment.	Children's Day.	W. F. M. S.	Special.	TOTAL.	
					Assess.	Paid.
Frederica .....	\$ 2.30	\$ 6.00			\$12.00	\$ 8.30
Frederick .....	13.00	40.00	\$34.60		24.00	87.60
Georgetown, D. C. ....	60.00	32.62	36.52		60.00	129.14
Georgetown, Del. ....	24.00	10.19			24.00	34.19
Greenwood .....	18.00	20.58			18.00	38.58
Grove .....	4.00	6.32			24.00	10.32
Hampden .....		32.19	216.25		42.00	248.44
Harper's Ferry .....	11.02	8.50			12.00	19.52
Harrington .....	16.35	11.32			24.00	27.67
Heathsville .....	12.00	61.00			30.00	73.00
Holly Run .....	2.00				18.00	2.00
Howard .....	8.00	20.70			24.00	28.70
Hurlock .....	6.00	6.63	4.53		12.00	17.16
Indian River .....		7.00			6.00	7.00
Jefferson .....	60.00	104.09	22.15		60.00	186.24
Kempton .....	15.00	53.70			18.00	68.70
Kennedyville .....	.60	19.00	16.00		18.00	35.60
Kent Island .....	10.00	14.00	4.00		24.00	28.00
Laurel .....	38.16	60.00		\$25.66	36.00	123.82
Leipsic .....		6.00			12.00	6.00
Liberty .....	30.00	80.00			30.00	110.00
Lisbon .....	30.00	52.00	28.16		30.00	110.16
Lynchburg .....	30.00	75.00	34.00	35.00	30.00	174.00
Mariner's .....	18.50	13.00			30.00	31.50
Marley .....	3.00	7.00			12.00	10.00
Middleway .....	.20				12.00	.20
Milton .....	4.00	10.00			24.00	14.00
Mt. Nebo .....	5.00	15.00			18.00	20.00
Mt. Tabor .....	16.00	8.00			24.00	24.00
Newark .....	40.00	22.10		40.00	60.00	102.10
New Market .....	20.00	25.05			30.00	45.05
Nichols' Memorial .....	.75				6.00	.75
N. Baltimore Mission .....	5.00		8.80		12.00	13.80
N. Carolina Ave. ....	6.66				18.00	6.66
Oak Grove .....	8.10	15.25			18.00	23.35
Oxford .....	24.00	6.00	39.83	18.30	24.00	88.13
Parksley .....	6.00				6.00	6.00
Payson Street .....	4.00	9.75			12.00	13.75
Pipe Creek .....	19.00	16.22	61.06		24.00	96.28
Pittsville .....	18.00	10.47			18.00	28.47
Pocomoke .....	4.00				18.00	4.00
Pocomoke City .....	48.00	30.26		58.02	48.00	136.28
Potomac .....	13.00				18.00	13.00
Powellsville .....	10.00	12.00			18.00	22.00
Prince George, Va. ....	4.00	4.17			6.00	8.17
Quantico .....	10.00	25.00			24.00	35.00
Queen Anne .....	12.00	19.00			12.00	31.00

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CHARGE.	Paid on Assessment.	Children's Day.	W. F. M. S.	Special.	TOTAL.	
					Assess.	Paid.
Reliance .....		\$ 20.40			\$ 18.00	\$ 20.40
Remington-Ave .....	\$ 2.00	6.00			12.00	8.00
Rowlandville .....	10.00				18.00	10.00
Salem .....	18.00	26.27	\$ 10.67		18.00	54.94
Salisbury .....	17.52	16.76	8.17	\$ 22.00	24.00	64.45
St. James .....	5.64	30.36	20.50		36.00	56.50
St. Luke's .....	2.00	22.81			24.00	24.81
St. Michaels .....	6.65	12.56	18.94		18.00	28.15
Seaford .....	14.00	22.00			24.00	36.00
Snow Hill .....	18.00	17.85	23.11		18.00	58.96
South Baltimore .....	28.00	8.00			36.00	36.00
Starr .....	48.00	47.00	13.25	10.00	60.00	118.25
Stewartstown .....	18.00	23.25	28.00		18.00	69.25
Susquehanna .....	26.00	38.64	20.00	18.02	30.00	102.66
Sussex .....	5.00	25.00			18.00	30.00
Talbot .....	8.50				12.00	8.50
Towson .....					6.00	
Trinity .....	23.25	41.82	17.67		36.00	82.74
Tyreeanna .....	5.95	6.05			12.00	12.00
Union .....	5.00	30.61			24.00	35.61
Union Bridge .....	24.00	32.57		8.00	24.00	64.57
Warwick .....	10.00	20.70	17.86		24.00	48.56
Washington-St. ....	60.00	34.00	126.00		54.00	220.00
Waverly .....	6.00	8.50	14.33		12.00	28.83
West Baltimore .....	64.93	202.10	149.85	20.00	60.00	436.88
Westminster .....	54.00	14.00	40.93	40.00	54.00	148.93
Williamsport .....	1.00	10.89			12.00	11.89
Wilmington .....	1.00	8.00			12.00	9.00
Wilmington, 2d Ch. ...	6.00				6.00	6.00
Wye .....	12.00	13.00	14.00		12.00	39.00
Chatsworth, Ind. ....	75.00		20.00	15.00		110.00
St. John's, Ind. ....			150.00			150.00
Total .....	1,889.51	2,498.00	1,555.00	379.05	2,898.00	6,321.56
Report of 1895 .....	1,679.46	2,733.24	868.77	528.40	2,905.00	5,809.87
Increase .....	\$210.05		\$686.23			\$511.69
Decrease .....		\$ 235.24		\$149.35	\$7.00	

Property Statistics for the Year Ending April, 1896.

CHARGES.	No. of Ap- pointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Church Pa- pers Taken	Our S. S Papers Taken.	Volumes in S. S. Library.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Debt.	Insured?
Accomac.....	3	3	1	...	225	.....	\$ 7,000	.....	No.
Alexandria ...	1	1	1	19	350	.....	19,000	\$ 3,500.00	Yes.
Amelia.....	3	3	1	17	100	128	2,650	225.00	Partly.
Baltimore.....	4	4	1	8	.....	.....	6,800	142.00	Yes.
Barren Creek..	3	3	1	19	150	.....	6,000	275.00	Partly.
Bedford.....	6	6	1	32	250	350	12,600	.....	No.
Belair.....	4	4	1	25	150	200	12,000	500.00	Partly.
Bethany.....	1	1	..	1	175	350	3,175	.....	Yes.
Broadway.....	1	1	1	12	.....	.....	25,000	8,500.00	Yes.
Brooklyn.....	1	1	1	11	90	.....	15,000	4,203.00	Yes.
Cambridge....	3	3	1	19	254	.....	7,500	1,050.00	Yes.
Campbell.....	4	4	..	2	.....	30	2,500	.....	No.
Caroline.....	5	4	1	30	250	400	6,000	.....	Partly.
Cecil.....	5	5	1	18	30	344	15,000	329.00	Yes.
Central.....	1	1	1	25	150	500	100,000	31,500.00	Yes.
Centreville...	1	1	1	29	125	.....	16,500	.....	Yes.
Chesapeake ...	2	2	1	17	.....	140	8,500	.....	Yes.
Chestertown ..	1	1	1	10	258	264	32,000	.....	Yes.
Chincoteague..	1	1	..	4	90	140	2,000	.....	Yes.
Christ Ch ,F.A.	1	1	..	7	183	75	2,700	1,462.09	Yes.
Clayton.....	4	4	1	20	100	150	6,500	775.00	Yes.
Concord.....	4	4	1	9	.....	.....	3,800	.....	Partly.
Conquest.....	4	4	..	19	249	.....	6,800	355.00	Yes.
Crisfield.....	1	1	1	17	350	.....	21,000	6,140.00	Yes.
Crumpton.....	2	2	1	4	75	100	5,600	.....	Yes.
Cumberland ..	1	1	1	17	65	376	5,000	.....	Yes.
Deer Creek....	3	3	1	8	.....	275	6,250	140.00	Yes.
Deer Park....	4	4	..	1	.....	400	9,000	.....	Partly.
Delmar.....	2	2	1	25	300	75	6,000	1,295.00	Yes.
Delta.....	2	2	1	5	220	120	7,000	1,689.00	Yes.
Dorchester ..	4	4	1	12	125	.....	10,500	.....	Partly.
Dover.....	1	1	..	15	167	225	6,000	1,700.00	Yes.
E. Baltimore..	1	1	..	24	277	250	22,000	600.00	Yes.
Easton.....	1	1	1	40	200	140	15,000	.....	Yes.
Elizabeth.....	1	1	1	22	510	600	15,000	5,426.00	Yes.
Eutaw.....	1	1	1	11	110	30	4,000	.....	Yes.
Fairfax.....	3	3	..	13	190	.....	4,500	.....	Yes.
Fairview.....	1	1	..	5	.....	100	7,800	.....	Yes.
Fawn Grove..	3	3	1	6	250	225	6,000	.....	Partly.
Felton.....	4	4	..	8	200	100	3,150	.....	No.
Finksburg ....	4	4	1	45	325	300	12,000	.....	Partly.
First Church..	1	1	1	10	200	300	17,000	86.00	Yes.
Franklin City.	4	4	1	9	300	150	6,000	1,000.00	Partly.
Frederica.....	1	1	..	4	147	.....	2,200	253.00	Yes.
Frederick.....	4	4	..	22	260	550	6,150	30.00	Partly.
Georget'n,D.C.	1	1	1	49	350	396	17,900	.....	Yes.
Georget'n, Del.	3	3	..	30	95	75	5,100	594.00	Yes.
Greenwood ...	2	2	1	17	150	150	5,100	.....	Yes.
Grove.....	4	4	1	12	200	.....	6,500	.....	Yes.

## Property Statistics for the Year Ending April, 1896.

CHARGES.	No. of Ap- pointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Church Pa- pers Taken	Our S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in S. S. Library.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Debt.	Insured?
Hampden.....	2	2	1	8	420	.....	\$ 4,500	.....	Yes.
Harper's Ferry	1	1	1	11	100	201	6,000	.....	No.
Harrington...	2	2	1	25	300	.....	7,000	.....	Yes.
Heathsville...	6	6	1	41	125	275	19,000	\$ 100.00	No.
Holly Run....	3	3	1	7	40	100	3,900	210.38	Partly.
Howard.....	4	3½	1	20	.....	300	7,200	.....	Yes.
Hurlocks.....	3	3	1	5	120	119	4,000	1,100.00	Partly.
Indian River..	1	1	..	.....	.....	.....	600	.....	No.
Jefferson.....	7	6	1	19	310	800	17,000	.....	Yes.
Kempton.....	4	4	1	24	200	359	4,500	50.00	Partly.
Kennedyville..	1	1	1	18	100	175	5,000	.....	Yes.
Kent Island...	2	2	1	12	.....	100	10,800	27.50	No.
Laurel.....	1	1	1	25	185	.....	10,500	.....	Yes.
Leipsic.....	1	1	..	9	60	25	3,000	.....	Yes.
Liberty.....	4	4	1	32	229	417	11,165	.....	Yes.
Lisbon.....	5	5	1	27	225	800	10,000	.....	Yes.
Lynchburg...	1	1	..	12	62	275	15,500	1,875.00	Yes.
Mariners.....	1	1	1	4	182	.....	5,200	625.00	No.
Marley.....	2	3	..	19	135	.....	3,000	.....	Partly.
Middleway...	4	3	..	4	.....	*84	3,960	25.94	Partly.
Milton.....	4	4	1	11	50	150	6,000	.....	No.
Mt. Nebo.....	1	1	1	6	.....	.....	4,500	8.00	Yes.
Mt. Tabor...	1	1	..	10	137	250	8,000	132.00	Yes.
Newark.....	1	1	..	38	475	500	36,000	.....	Yes.
New Market..	4	4	1	11	300	400	11,000	.....	Yes.
N. C. Avenue.	1	1	..	24	150	180	12,000	.....	Yes.
Nichols' Mem'l	1	1	..	3	78	150	2,500	.....	Partly.
N. Baltimore..	1	1	..	18	50	.....	20,000	3,295.00	Yes.
Oak Grove....	1	1	1	14	79	68	1,500	7.00	No.
Oxford.....	1	1	1	15	190	100	6,000	.....	Yes.
Parksley.....	1	1	..	10	80	20	4,000	1,100.00	Yes.
Patapsco.....	3	1	..	3	60	125	1,200	.....	Yes.
Payson-Street.	1	1	..	10	.....	256	1,900	200.00	Yes.
Pipe Creek....	2	2	1	23	132	500	10,000	.....	Yes.
Pittsville....	3	3	1	20	200	650	11,000	350.00	Partly.
Pocomoke.....	4	4	1	6	211	.....	800	.....	Partly..
Pocomoke C'y.	1	2	1	54	250	300	15,000	.....	Yes.
Powellsville..	4	4	1	15	180	200	5,100	50.00	Partly.
Potomac.....	2	2	1	16	.....	350	6,000	400.00	Yes.
Prince George.	2	1	..	2	.....	35	800	.....	No.
Quantico.....	6	6	1	12	200	200	6,500	.....	Partly.
Queen Anne's.	2	2	1	18	41	50	3,000	800.00	Partly.
Reliance.....	3	3	1	9	125	100	4,000	250.00	Partly.
Remington....	1	1	..	2	100	250	1,200	.....	Yes.
Rowlandville..	3	3	1	10	.....	400	6,000	.....	Yes.
St. James.....	2	2	1	23	142	220	8,500	.....	Yes.
St. John's, C'n.	1	1	..	8	125	118	1,500	525.00	Yes.
St. Luke's....	1	1	1	2	425	300	12,000	5 175.00	Partly.
St. Michael's..	2	2	1	23	174	400	7,000	50.00	Partly.

## Property Statistics for the Year Ending April, 1896.

CHARGES.	No. of Ap- pointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Church Pa- pers Taken.	Our S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in S. S. Library.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Debt.	Insured?
Salem .....	1	1	1	23	98	155	\$ 4,000	.....	Yes.
Salisbury .....	2	2	1	33	324	267	10,000	.....	Yes.
Seaford .....	1	1	1	15	154	.....	2,700	\$ 250.00	Yes.
Snow Hill .....	3	3	1	19	100	100	4,500	1,000.00	Yes.
S. Baltimore ..	1	1	1	10	280	200	23,000	1,600.00	.....
Starr .....	1	1	1	50	300	500	45,000	.....	Yes.
Stewartstown ..	2	2	1	12	240	225	5,500	200.00	Partly.
Susquehanna ..	3	3	1	70	190	500	11,000	.....	Yes.
Sussex .....	5	5	1	22	375	.....	6,500	.....	Partly.
Talbot .....	2	2	..	8	.....	.....	1,000	.....	Partly.
Towson .....	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trinity .....	1	2	1	29	170	.....	8,000	2,800.00	Yes.
Tyreeanna .....	2	2	..	7	.....	50	2,000	.....	No.
Union .....	3	3	..	23	200	250	5,600	.....	Partly.
Union Bridge ..	2	2	1	21	100	314	10,500	1,000.00	Yes.
Warwick .....	3	3	1	14	150	100	6,000	.....	No.
Washington-St	1	1	1	32	470	225	54,000	.....	Yes.
Waverly .....	1	1	1	15	75	86	3,000	370.00	Yes.
W. Baltimore ..	1	1	..	98	.....	750	35,000	8,000.00	Yes.
Westminster ..	1	1	1	45	161	275	25,500	787.00	Yes.
W. Wilmington	1	1	..	1	2	100	3,500	2,200.00	Yes.
Williamsport ..	4	3	..	15	.....	.....	1,500	.....	No.
Wilmington ...	1	1	..	7	75	63	7,000	3,300.00	Yes.
Wye .....	1	1	1	7	60	.....	3,000	820.00	Yes.
Bethel .....	1	1	..	1	6	34	1,000	.....	No.
Totals ....	281	276½	84	2,100	18,522	22,506	1,194,400	109,449.91	

**Christian Endeavor Report.**

CHARGES.	NO. SOCIETIES		MEMBERSHIP.			Conversions.	No. Meetings.	Cash Contribution.
	Young People.	Junior.	Active.	Associate.	Honorary.			
Howard.....	1	1	28	7	.....	.....	Weekly.	.....
Harper's Ferry.....	1	1	90	25	.....	20	100	\$ 30.00
Deer Park.....	2	1	61	45	3	.....	87	16.11
Eutaw.....	1	1	57	.....	6	4	Weekly.	100.00
Union.....	1	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	"	1.87
St. James' & Lynch's.	1	.....	58	15	12	.....	"	10.00
Deer Creek.....	1	1	63	40	.....	.....	"	12.00
New Market.....	2	1	75	.....	.....	.....	87	20.00
South Baltimore....	1	.....	26	2	.....	.....	52	5.00
Fawn Grove .....	1	1	80	28	27	4	52	36.00
Sussex.....	1	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Centreville.....	1	1	60	3	.....	.....	.....	25.00
West Baltimore....	1	1	136	6	14	.....	150	168.00
Bethany.....	1	.....	25	2	5	.....	.....	.....
Snow Hill.....	1	.....	53	3	13	.....	52	97.00
North Baltimore....	1	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	52	125.00
Washington-St.....	1	1	156	54	27	.....	100	80.00
Brad' Circuit.....	1	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	40	.....
Newark.....	1	1	34	.....	.....	.....	50	30.00
Bethel.....	1	.....	19	11	.....	4	18	2.00
Payson St.....	1	.....	17	2	.....	.....	52	6.00
Tyreeanna.....	1	.....	15	7	2	.....	40	10.00
Laurel.....	1	1	132	11	.....	.....	.....	65.22
Salem.....	1	1	47	6	2	.....	64	8.25
Salisbury.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Quantico.....	.....	.....	40	8	.....	6	52	30.00
Caroline.....	1	1	45	.....	.....	3	.....	20.00
Remington.....	1	.....	40	19	2	.....	19	62.06
Delmar.....	.....	.....	25	5	8	3	.....	6.00
Delta.....	1	1	52	5	.....	.....	75	8.00
First Church.....	1	1	45	.....	3	.....	.....	16.00
Oxford.....	1	1	61	22	15	.....	.....	12.00
Hurlock .....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	.....
Westminster.....	.....	.....	83	24	.....	2	52	.....
Susquehanna.....	1	1	78	.....	.....	5	52	5.00
Elizabeth, N. J.....	1	1	88	5	.....	2	80	40.00
Williamsport.....	1	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	24	1.50
H. E. Nelson's Ch'ge.	3	.....	105	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Broadway.....	1	1	27	.....	.....	.....	64	20.00
Central Charge.....	.....	.....	28	6	.....	.....	46	39.40
Easton.....	.....	.....	65	.....	.....	.....	52	100.00

Christian Endeavor Report—Continued.

CHARGES.	NO. SOCIETIES		MEMBERSHIP.			Conversions	No. Meetings.	Cash Contribution.
	Young People.	Junior.	Active.	Associate.	Honorary.			
Kennedyville.....			41				52	\$ 14.00
Liberty.....	2	1	84	12				25.06
Chesapeake.....			35	3			60	15.00
Pittsville.....			25	3			20	44.70
Waverly.....			48	5		1	120	6.00
Cumberland.....			40	8		3	30	3.00
Cecil.....	2		60	12	2			2.85
Pocomoke City.....	1		32	17			45	40.31
Union Bridge.....	2		42	16	3		97	
Cambridge.....	2		50	11			104	20.00
Second Ch., Wilm'g'n	1	1	25		1		65	34.00
N. C. Avenue.....	1	1	35	3	8		65	3.00
Rowlandville.....	1	1	60				Weekly.	83.30
Lynchburg.....	1	1	43	4			"	40.00
Felton.....	1		9				50	57.00
Harrington.....	1	1	47	9			52	10.00
Dover.....			37	3		6	Weekly.	40.00
Clayton.....	1	1	80	10	2		110	2.50
Milton.....	1		25				52	30.00
Frederick.....	1	1	62	34	5	2	70	
Georgetown, Del....	1	1	39	16		2		64.00
Finksburg.....	1	1	138			5	250	23.00
St. Michael's.....	1	1	80	13	1		52	3.00
Frederica.....	1		44	5		20	35	105.00
Kent Island.....	1	1	40	36			104	3.00
Barren Creek.....	1		20				40	2.00
Christ Ch., Baker St.	1	1	38	1	4		40	
Queen Anne's.....	1		26				5	20.00
Alexandria.....	1	1	56	17			150	5.00
Concord.....	1							
Crisfield.....	1	1	2	40				
Grove.....	1	1	60	8			52	21.25
Georgetown.....	1	1	132	25				129.85
Jefferson.....	1	1	143	24		10	175	18.00
Kemptown.....	1	1	50	35	10		78	
Middleway.....	1		14					
Mt. Nebo.....	1		52				12	
Pipe Creek Circuit...	1		44	20	20	3		10.83
Stewartstown.....	1	1	80	7		3		47.90
Trinity.....	1	1	85				55	40.00
Belair.....	3		54	23	10	6		30.00



## Christian Endeavor Report—Concluded.

CHARGES.	No. SOCIETIES		MEMBERSHIP.			Conversions.	No. Meetings.	Cash Contribution
	Young People.	Junior.	Active.	Associate.	Honorary.			
East Baltimore.....	1	.....	36	2	.....	.....	40	\$ 10.00
Potomac.....	3	1	35	40	.....	6	60	50.00
Wilmington.....	1	.....	25	5	.....	.....	.....	5.50
Brooklyn.....	1	1	108	5	2	.....	75	56.00
Wye.....	1	.....	3	20	3	.....	40	5.00
Lisbon.....	3	.....	85	7	3	.....	.....	.....
Chestertown.....	1	1	69	1	4	.....	52	25.00
Franklin City.....	3	.....	75	10	.....	.....	5	.....
Parksley.....	.....	.....	47	4	2	.....	24	5.00
Baltimore.....	3	.....	82	20	10	.....	50	.....
Mt. Tabor.....	1	.....	24	8	.....	1	50	82.00
Patapsco.....	1	.....	26	12	.....	.....	50	7.00
Fairview.....	1	.....	20	5	5	10	50	5.00
Seaford.....	1	1	105	10	.....	9	57	10.00
Oak Grove.....	1	.....	40	25	.....	7	48	9.91
Reliance.....	1	1	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.00
Starr.....	1	1	108	.....	10	.....	116	60.00
Greenwood.....	2	.....	123	17	8	7	88	44.79
St. John's, M. P.....	1	1	38	9	.....	20	60	89.00
Crumpton.....	1	.....	32	1	3	.....	.....	.....
Pocomoke City.....	2	.....	90	25	10	24	.....	100.00
Holly Run.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mariners.....	1	.....	10	.....	20	.....	20	3.30
	113	49	5319	977	285	198		2,777.46
			977					
			285					

Total Membership.....6581

Assessments for the Year Beginning April, 1896.

CHARGES.	President's Salary.	Conference.	Seminary.	Ministerial Education.	Superannuates.	Foreign Missions.	General Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Accomac.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Amelia.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Alexandria.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Baltimore.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	5.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Barren Creek.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	15.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Bedford.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Belair.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Broadway.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Bethany.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.00	9.00	38.00
Brooklyn.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Cambridge.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Caroline.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Campbeil.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.00	9.00	38.00
Cecil.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Central.....	30.00	5.00	24.00	8.00	51.00	36.00	18.00	53.00	225.00
Centreville.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Cheasapeake.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Chestertown.....	40.00	6.00	32.00	10.00	68.00	48.00	24.00	72.00	300.00
Christ's Church.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.00	9.00	38.00
Clayton.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Concord.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Conquest.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Crisfield.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Crumpton.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.00	21.00	89.00
Cumberland.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Chincoteague.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Delmar.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Deer Creek.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.00	22.00	90.00
Deer Park.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Delta.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Dorchester.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Dover.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.00	9.00	38.00
East Baltimore.....	40.00	6.00	32.00	10.00	68.00	48.00	24.00	72.00	300.00
Easton.....	32.00	5.00	24.00	8.00	53.00	40.00	20.00	55.00	237.00
Elizabeth.....	5.00	5.00	28.00	9.00	59.00	42.00	21.00	61.00	260.00
Eutaw.....	38.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Fairfax.....	18.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.00	14.00	61.00
Fawn Grove.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Fairview.....	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.00	14.00	61.00
Finksburg.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
First Church.....	30.00	5.00	24.00	8.00	51.00	36.00	18.00	53.00	225.00
Franklin City.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Frederick.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Felton.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00

## Assessments for the Year Beginning April, 1896.

CHARGES.	President's Salary.	Conference.	Seminary.	Ministerial Education.	Superannuates.	Foreign Missions.	General Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Frederica.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Georget'n, D. C.....	50.00	8.00	40.00	13.00	86.00	60.00	30.00	88.00	375.00
Georget'n, Del.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Grove .. .. .	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Greenwood.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Hampden... ..	32.00	5.00	24.00	8.00	53.00	40.00	20.00	55.00	237.00
Harper's Ferry.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Harrington.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Heathsville.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Howard.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Hurlock.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Holly Run.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Jefferson.....	40.00	6.00	32.00	10.00	68.00	48.00	24.00	72.00	300.00
Kennedyville.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Kemptown.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Kent Island.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Laurel, Del.....	32.00	5.00	24.00	8.00	53.00	40.00	20.00	55.00	237.00
Leipsic.....	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.00	14.00	61.00
Lewistown.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Liberty.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Lisbon.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Lynchburg.....	30.00	5.00	24.00	8.00	51.00	36.00	18.00	53.00	225.00
Mariner's.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Middleway.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Milton.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Mt. Tabor.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Mt. Nebo.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Marley.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.00	21.00	89.00
Newark.....	50.00	8.00	40.00	13.00	86.00	60.00	30.00	88.00	375.00
N. C. Avenue.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
New Market.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
N. Balto Mission.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Oxford.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Oak Grove.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Prince Geo., Va.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.00	9.00	38.00
Parksley.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Pipe Creek.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Pittsville.....	8.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Pocomoke.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.00	21.00	89.00
Pocomoke City.....	40.00	6.00	32.00	10.00	68.00	48.00	24.00	72.00	300.00
Powellsville.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Patapsco.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.00	9.00	38.00
Payson-st. Balto.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Potomac.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.00	21.00	89.00

Assessments for the Year Beginning April, 1896.

CHARGES.	President's Salary.	Conference.	Seminary.	Ministerial Education.	Superannuates.	Foreign Missions.	General Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Total.
Quantico.....	\$ 12.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 89.00
Queen Anne.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Reliance.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Rowlandville.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Remington.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.00	21.00	89.00
St. James'.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
St. John's (Canton)....	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.00	14.00	61.00
St. Michael's.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
St. Luke's.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Salisbury.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Seaford.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Snow Hill.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Salem.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.00	21.00	89.00
S. Baltimore.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	35.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Starr.....	50.00	8.00	40.00	13.00	86.00	60.00	30.00	88.00	375.00
Stewartstown.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Susquehanna.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Sussex.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Talbot.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Trinity.....	30.00	5.00	24.00	8.00	51.00	36.00	18.00	53.00	225.00
Tyreeanna.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.00	9.00	38.00
Union.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Union Bridge.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Warwick.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Washington St.....	50.00	8.00	40.00	13.00	86.00	60.00	30.00	88.00	375.00
Watersville.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Waverly.....	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.00	14.00	61.00
West Baltimore.....	50.00	8.00	40.00	13.00	86.00	60.00	30.00	88.00	375.00
Westminster.....	45.00	7.00	36.00	11.00	76.00	54.00	27.00	79.00	335.00
Williamsport.....	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.00	14.00	61.00
Wilmington.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
W. Wilmington.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.00	9.00	38.00
Wye.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Bethel.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.00	9.00	38.00
Totals.....	2,357	381	1,882	611	4,000	2,828	1,428	4,171	17,658

ADDRESSES OF TREASURERS.—1. Church Extension Society of the Maryland Conference—T. Harry Bartlett, 2422 E. Baltimore street, Baltimore, Md. 2. Superannuated Fund—Thomas A. Murray, 212 Law Building, Baltimore, Md. 3. Foreign Missions—Rev. G. B. McElroy, 18 Williams street, Adrian, Mich. 4. Ministerial Education—John H. Claney, 89 Fourth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. 5. General Home Missions—Nathan R. Jones, Grant street and Seventh avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. 6. Seminary—Dr. J. W. Hering, Westminster, Md.

**Assessment for General Conference.**

Accomac .....	\$12.00	Eurlock .....	\$ 4.00
Amelia ... ..	9.00	Holly Rn. ....	9.00
Alexandria... ..	15.00	Jefferson.....	23.00
Baltimore .....	11.00	Kennedyville...	11.00
Barren Creek .....	5.00	Kemptown.....	9.00
Bedford.....	12.00	Kent Island.....	11.00
Belair.....	15.00	Laurel.....	17.00
Broadway.....	12.00	Leipsic.....	4.00
Bethany .....	2.00	Liberty.....	15.00
Brooklyn.....	11.00	Lisbon.....	15.00
Cambridge .....	15.00	Lynchburg.....	17.00
Caroline .....	15.00	Mariner's .....	12.00
Campbell.....	2.00	Middleway.....	5.00
Cecil .....	15.00	Milton.....	12.00
Central.....	17.00	Mt. Tabor .....	12.00
Centreville.....	12.00	Mt. Nebo .....	9.00
Chesapeake.....	11.00	Marley.....	7.00
Chestertown.....	23.00	Newark.....	29.00
Christ's Church.....	2.00	N. C. Avenue.....	12.00
Clayton.....	11.00	Nichols' Memorial.....	2.00
Concord.....	12.00	New Market.....	15.00
Conquest .....	11.00	N. Baltimore.....	9.00
Crisfield .....	15.00	Oxford.....	12.00
Crumpton .....	6.00	Oak Grove.....	9.00
Cumberland .....	11.00	Prince Geo., Va. ....	2.00
Chincoteague.....	5.00	Parksley.....	5.00
Delmar.....	11.00	Pipe Creek .....	12.00
Deer Creek.....	6.00	Pittsville.....	11.00
Deer Park.....	9.00	Pocomoke .....	7.00
Delta .....	12.00	Pocomoke City.....	23.00
Dorchester .....	12.00	Powellsville.....	9.00
Dover.....	2.00	Patapsco....	2.00
East Baltimore .....	23.00	Payson St., Balto .....	5.00
Easton .....	17.00	Potomac.....	7.00
Elizabeth City.....	20.00	Quantico.....	7.00
Eutaw.....	11.00	Queen Anne.....	9.00
Fairfax.....	4.00	Reliance.....	9.00
Fawn Grove... ..	12.00	Rowlandville .....	9.00
Fairview.....	4.00	Remington Ave.....	7.00
Finksburg .....	13.00	St. James'.....	15.00
First Church .....	17.00	St. John's (Canton).....	4.00
Franklin City.....	12.00	St. Michael's.....	9.00
Frederick.....	12.00	St. Luke's.....	15.00
Felton.....	11.00	Salisbury .....	12.00
Frederica.....	5.00	Seaford .....	12.00
Georgetown, D. C.....	29.00	Snow Hill.....	11.00
Georgetown, Del.....	11.00	Salem .....	7.00
Grove.....	11.00	South Baltimore.....	12.00
Greenwood .....	11.00	Starr.....	29.00
Hampden.....	17.00	Stewartstown.....	5.00
Harper's Ferry.....	11.00	Susquehanna.....	15.00
Harrington .....	12.00	Sussex.....	12.00
Heathsville .....	15.00	Talbot.....	6.00
Howard.....	11.00	Trinity.....	17.00

Assessment for General Conference.

Tyreeanna.....	\$ 2.00	Wilmington.....	\$ 5.00
Union.....	15.00	W. Wilmington.....	2.00
Union Bridge.....	12.00	Wye.....	5.00
Warwick.....	11.00	Towson.....	2.00
Washington-St.....	29.00	Waltersville.....	8.00
Waverly.....	4.00	Lewistown.....	2.00
West Baltimore.....	29.00		
Westminster.....	26.00	Total.....	\$1,369.00
Williamsport.....	4.00		

FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.

PREPARATORY COURSE.

- J. T. MURRAY—*A Written Sermon, not to contain more than 2,000 words, to be sent to him on or before the first day of February preceding the meeting of the Annual Conference.*  
 W. S. HAMMOND—*Binney's Theological Compend.*  
 J. T. LASSELL—*The New Testament; Smith's Smaller Scripture History; English Grammar.*  
 J. L. MILLS—*Constitution and Discipline of the M. P. Church; Miller on Clerical Habits and Manners; The Contrast, by L. W. Bates, D. D.*

FIRST YEAR'S CLASS.

- J. T. WARD—*Pope's Theology, Volume I.*  
 D. L. GREENFIELD—*Kidder's Homiletics, and a Written Sermon, to be sent by the first of February.*  
 J. M. HOLMES—*Nichols' Help to the Study of the Bible.*  
 J. W. GRAY—*Bassett's History of the M. P. Church.*

STUDENTS—Nicholas O. Gibson, Wm. R. McKnett and E. D. Stone.

SECOND YEAR'S CLASS.

- H. C. CUSHING—*Pope's Theology, Volume II.*  
 J. T. MURRAY—*Homiletics.*  
 S. B. TREDWAY—*Barrow's Sacred Geography and Antiquities.*  
 W. M. STRAYER—*Fisher's Church History.*

STUDENTS—John F. Bryan, Harvey E. Bennington, Charles E. Dryden, Frank A. Holland, Howard O. Keen, George A. Morris, George H. Stockdale, A. Norman Ward, Howard F. Wright and T. H. Wright.

THIRD YEAR'S CLASS.

- B. F. BENSON—*Pope's Theology, Volume III.*  
 J. E. MALOY—*Fisher's Church History, completed.*  
 J. S. BOWERS—*Butler's Analogy.*  
 A. W. MATHER—*Miller's Christian Ministry.*

STUDENTS—Frank S. Cain, Wm. H. Litsinger, H. E. Nelson, H. L. Schlincke, F. L. Stevens, Paul M. Strayer and T. P. Revelle.

- T. H. LEWIS—*Old Testament Hebrew—Psalms 42-49, 84, 85, 87.*  
 J. J. MURRAY—*New Testament Greek—Paul's Letter to Titus.*  
 S. B. SOUTHERLAND—*Theory and Practice of our Church Government.*

Every Student is required to attend this Lecture and Examination, and

also to answer the question: "Have you spent a portion of each day in private study of the Word and in prayer?"

All the Students of the Preparatory Year shall be examined in all the studies of that year for admission into the itinerancy; but afterwards, graduates from Westminster Theological Seminary shall be examined each year only in Theology, Hebrew and Greek.

The Faculty meets Tuesday before Conference at 10 A. M. to examine Students, and at 7.30 P. M. for business.

Correct answers to two-thirds of the questions asked will be required to pass a candidate either for the itinerancy or into any class of the course or for orders. Two-thirds will be marked 70. All questions answered, or less three, will be marked 100, and all receiving 100 will be reported to the Conference.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President.*

J. L. MILLS, *Secretary.*



# CONFERENCE SERMON.

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PREPARED BY REV. T. E. COULBOURN (DECEASED).

(READ BY REV. T. H. LEWIS, D. D.)

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"For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile; but as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts."—I. THESSALONIANS II. 3, 4.

The visit of St. Paul to Thessalonica, though unusually brief and stormy, was exceptionally fruitful. Jewish prejudice here as elsewhere, was easily aroused, and his bold announcement that Jesus whom he preached was indeed the Christ, was sufficient to provoke a perfect tempest of opposition from those "who believed not." Nevertheless, the seed sown found much friendly soil, and the heart of the faithful sower was gladdened by speedy signs of a splendid harvest. To give point to their objections, those who resisted his doctrine, declared that he and his associates "had turned the world upside down." And it would seem that the charge was not entirely without foundation. For right here in the midst of this heathen city, within the space of a few weeks, perhaps not more than three, there was produced such a revolution in religious beliefs and sentiments that "of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few, turned to God from their idols to serve the living and true God." Besides, this large company of believers, freshly plucked from the deep pit of heathenism, became a centre of light for the diffusion of light into all the regions round about. Commending their zealous, evangelistic spirit, the apostle afterwards wrote: "From you sounded out the word of the Lord (as from a trumpet), not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad."

But Thessalonica was not an exception in this respect. It appears to have been the policy of the apostle to visit the chief centres of population, in rapid succession, gather out such as would receive the gospel in honest hearts, and make them centres of life to arrest the awful work of death around them. In this way Antioch, the great emporium of Oriental trade; Ephesus, the great storm-center of heathenism and of the worship of Diana; Athens, famed for its philosophy and false religions; Corinth, one of the chief seats of ancient culture and art; and many other towns and cities in Europe and Asia Minor, were entered, one after the other, and the standard of the cross raised in their midst; and with those whom he could persuade to enlist under it, link after link was added to a gradually lengthening chain of evangelizing centres, extending along the coast of the Mediterranean, far

back into the interior of Asia, on both sides of the *Ægean* sea, and even as far as Rome itself—centres of light and power to dispense their quota of blessing for the salvation of men everywhere. And thus moved, directed, enforced and sustained by the Spirit of God, this tireless missionary literally evangelized the whole known world of his day, completing, during a ministry shorter than that of some whom I address to-day, a task which the whole Christian Church has been commanded, and is still under the most solemn obligation, to perform.

What was the secret of the untiring activity, patient endurance and unparalleled success of this wonderful man of God?—this man whom neither the rage of men nor the wrath of demons could daunt, whose unquenchable zeal in the cause of his Master either swept aside or overleapt all sorts of obstacles; to whom persecutions, imprisonments, tortures, perils by land and perils by sea seemed to count as mere trifles when set over against his convictions of duty to his Lord and his fellow-man. That he was impelled by no unworthy motive, no sordid craving for personal gain, no vulgar ambition for honor or fame, admits of not the least doubt. His lofty spirit rose as high above such hollow enchantments as the stars move in quiet splendor beyond the transient glory of morning clouds. In this same Epistle to the Thessalonians, he could write: "For neither at any time used we flattering words as ye know, nor a cloak of covetousness, God is witness; nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might," as the Revised Version gives it, "have claimed honor as the apostles of Christ."

The motive which spurred him forward in his noble work sprung from something infinitely better than anything the world could offer. He was charged with the administration of an all-important trust, bound by a solemn covenant to carry out the purposes of his loving Lord, as expressed in his Holy Word. "As we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel; even so we speak." Intrusted by his Master with the gospel for humanity, called and commissioned by the King of kings to make known the riches of his grace to a lost world—this it was that set his soul aflame with a quenchless passion for perishing sinners, and transmuted suffering and sacrifice into joyful service. Having a personal interest in the gospel, in virtue of its having satisfied the deep longings of his own soul, he was firmly persuaded it would just as fully answer the needs of others; and so, in the strength of God and as the ambassador of Christ, he deliberately set himself to proclaim it throughout the world.

In this conception of the gospel as a trust, a priceless treasure committed to our charge by Almighty God for the benefit of others, lies perhaps its strongest claim to our earnest and faithful service. Having received its light and life and power, so freely bestowed, to cover our own needs, God has entrusted it to us to be as freely disseminated as we have received it. It is not ours to treat as our property. Property is something to which its owner has an unrestricted right. He may use or dispose of it whenever he pleases. The rights of a trustee are restricted. He is bound to administer his trust in accordance with the instructions contained in the conveyance. The gospel

is no more our property to use or dispose of as our capricious tastes may incline us than the money we deposit in bank is the property of the bank. As the bank holds our money simply as a trust, to be applied as we direct, so God has put us in trust with the gospel, for the uses to which he has appointed us.

Our supreme concern, therefore, should be to discover as clearly as possible the eternal purpose of God concerning the administration of his Word, and then to faithfully discharge our trust in the light of the knowledge which our search reveals. This is of the most vital importance, both with respect to its bearing upon our personal character and our efficiency as "stewards of the manifold grace of God." The clearer our understanding and the nearer perfect our fulfillment of the will of God in this matter, the more certain will we be to find the key which exactly fits the lock of our high calling as ministers and witnesses of the Lord Jesus, and which will admit us into the honor and blessedness of the most exalted service known to mankind. As we really come under the quickening power of the gospel, and its life lays hold of and glorifies our lives, we shall find the channels opened for its reception growing wider and deeper for its distribution, and, instead of the inexorable claims of duty perpetually tugging at our consciences, we shall find ourselves under the blessed constraint of a Divine impulse, prompting us more and more to say with the apostles just after Pentecost: "We cannot but speak the things which we have heard and seen concerning Jesus."

1. The purposes of God concerning the administration of the sacred trust he has committed to us, are definitely and explicitly stated in his Word, and uttered with an emphasis of reiteration that leaves no room for doubt or excuse. Turning to the twelfth chapter of Genesis, we read that He said to Abraham: "In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Referring to this promise, Paul declares in Galatians iii. 8: "The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying: "In thee shall all nations be blessed;" and adds further on in the same chapter: "That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." Thus the Gospel of Christ, even as proclaimed in the Old Testament, was not for any one age or for any one race. In the Councils of Eternity it was said to the World's Messiah: "It is a light thing that thou shouldst be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel; I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth."

Besides, we have the clear and explicit command of our Lord himself, uttered in terms which perfectly harmonize with the Divine decrees of previous dispensations. A thoughtful study of the New Testament reveals the fact that his great commission was given, not once nor twice as some seem to think, but on at least four different occasions, and in as many different forms. First, to His chosen band in the mountains of Gallilee He gave the comprehensive command: "Go teach all nations." Secondly, on the Mount of Olives, just before the cloud rolled between His ascending form

and the uplifted gaze of the awe-stricken multitude, He set before His Church her duty to be his witness, not only at home and in the regions round about, but unto the uttermost parts of the earth; and that her work in the nearer, the more distant and the most distant fields, must be undertaken all together. Thirdly, on the road to Damascus He gave a command which revealed not only to Paul but to the whole Church, that her mission is to the Gentiles as well as to the Jews, and that she is to make Christ known to all men alike, as the only name under heaven whereby they may be delivered from the power of Satan unto God. Fourthly, His call came to Paul in a vision of the night, when, it is said, "not a real Macedonian, but the risen Christ Himself summoned his apostle to wider sphere among the world-conquering races of Pagan Europe." And so the promise of salvation through faith only, proclaimed *for* all the families of the earth in God's covenant with Abraham, and repeated under various forms by prophet, priest and seer, is to be carried *into* all nations, in the gospel of His Son, which gospel He has committed to His Church, to be preached by faithful witnesses to "every creature" in every land.

The mission of the Church, therefore, is unmistakable; and if she is obedient to her marching orders and honors her Lord as she should, she will not be content to limit her beneficent activities to any one race, or clime, or country. She is under orders to make Christ known to the benighted and lost everywhere—Christ, who is the supreme manifestation of the living, loving God to man; Christ, made to us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—and to make him known through his message, committed to her as a precious trust for world-wide dissemination. And, as a returned missionary said at the World's Missionary Congress in Chicago: "Nothing is foreign to this work which reveals His spirit, or is characteristic of His kingdom; and nothing is essential to it which is peculiar to any sect, any race, or any civilization."

And in the administration of this trust, we should not overlook the fact that the gospel is given, not simply to save souls from their sins, but also to transform the social conditions into which souls are born into the world. It is intended not merely to restore man to right relations with God, but also to bring him into right relations with his fellow-man. Revelation certainly teaches, says Dr. Josiah Strong, that final earthly society is to be perfect. It is not to be a changeless society, for as he adds, intelligence demands endless growth; but it is to be free from all taint of evil, "without spot or wrinkle or any such thing"—"a new earth," "which shall remain," "wherein dwelleth righteousness," where sin and sorrow shall be unknown, for these "former things shall have passed away." Therefore, all of those Christian agencies which help to promote so glorious a result—all of which are as truly the work of Christ as the wonders He wrought during his earthly ministry—belong to the world at large as such, as certainly as the brief record of His life and teachings. You remember the owner of the "talents" exacted of his servants a strict account, not only of the original number entrusted to them, but also of every additional talent they had

earned. We may preach the same gospel the apostles preached, and it may speak to the individual heart as simply and directly as when it was first proclaimed; but if we fail to include those increments of the gospel which it has gained during the past eighteen centuries, it is probable we will not be able to render a satisfactory account of our trusteeship. Ever since the Star shone over Bethlehem, Christianity has been making history for itself; new conditions of living have been created where it prevailed, new methods of applying it have been developed, and hundreds of educating and civilizing agencies have sprung up through its influence; and the whole world has as much right to these as it has to know who Christ was and what he said and did.

What then? Can we hold back the gospel from those for whose benefit we have been put in trust with it and be guiltless? I know of nothing save downright ignorance that has even the "ghost of a chance" of being accepted as a valid excuse. And even this is likely to prove insufficient, if we have had opportunity to know, but have failed to improve it. But if we hold it back through neglect, indifference, disinclination, unbelief, narrowness, selfishness or avarice, it is, to say the least, a breach of good faith for which no adequate apology can be framed. It is more. It is sin against God. It is injustice to humanity. It is a species of refined cruelty akin to the inhumanity of man to man which makes countless millions mourn. No pastor, who is so unfortunate as to have to encounter such recreancy, can afford to gloss it over with vain excuses, or treat it as if it were a light matter. It is not a trivial matter. It is fraught with the most disastrous consequences to both pastor and flock. The reflex effect thereof is sure to be a steady weakening of their grip on God and a gradual decline in spiritual life and power. Hence, as Dr. A. C. Thomson says: "The church that is not missionary in its spirit must repent or wane; the pastor who is not should reform or resign."

2. The apostate condition of the non-Christian peoples of the earth, renders the fulfillment of our trust imperatively necessary to their enlightenment and salvation. It is unnecessary that I should attempt to set before you the degradation and wretchedness of these nations. Suffice to say, that according to the opinions of competent judges, the heathenism of today is not a whit better than the heathenism of the times of Paul. For all practical purposes, the revolting picture he has given of it in that wonderful first chapter of his Epistle to the Romans, has never been equalled. But there is one fact emphasized in this description of which we need to be constantly reminded. It is the fact summed up and expressed in those pregnant words, "without God." These two words go to the very root of heathenism. They lay bare the very core of all that makes heathenism what it is. Three distinct times, and with reiterated emphasis, the apostle sets forth this fact in this chapter in such explicit language as this: "Wherefore God gave them up," "For this cause God gave them up," "And as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over." Gave them over to what, and for what reasons? Gave them up to that which they preferred

instead of God—"to vile affections; to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts;" "to a reprobate mind to do those things which are not convenient." And for what reasons? "Because that, when they knew God they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful;" "because they changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator;" "because they did not like to retain God in their knowledge."

The actual condition of the heathen, then, need not be a matter of doubt. They are without God. And, the true idea of God wholly effaced from their thoughts, the true conception of life also, both for the present and the future, is in total eclipse. What this means we may, at least dimly, conceive. That God is as certainly present in China, India and Africa and elsewhere as He is here present at this moment, no one doubts. But what of that, if they do not recognize and know Him so as to love and trust Him? A man may be enveloped with light, but if he has eyes which see not, he is without light; the most rapturous strains of music may fill the air all about him, but if he has ears which hear not, he is without music. And Paul, referring to the condition of the heathen, says in his Epistle to the Ephesians, iii. 18, 19: "They are alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their hearts; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lasciviousness to work all uncleanness with greediness." "Ignorant," "blind of heart," "past feeling," therefore, "alienated from the life of God." Picture if you can all that such a condition implies. What utter emptiness! What a dearth of everything beautiful and ennobling! Adrift upon a stormy sea without reliable chart, compass or pilot! Distressed and scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd! True, God has not left Himself without witness, even in heathen lands, in that he does good and gives rain from heaven and fruitful seasons. They have the witness of God in nature, but even their natural theology is without competent interpreters. Besides, waving harvests and refreshing showers do not bear witness unto salvation. "Rain and food are no prophets preaching life amid the famine of the soul."

Now, if the heathen are to be turned from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God; if they are to be renewed in the knowledge of God, as Saviour, Redeemer and Friend; if they are to know Him as the Forgiver of iniquity, transgression and sin, the work will have to be done through the gospel as witnessed by those who have been put in trust with it. As well might a man try to lift himself by his boot-straps as for the heathen to undertake to work out their highest destiny without the light of the Gospel. They have tried it for centuries, with the result that they have grown worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. Salvation is alone of God through Christ; and what they need to know is the eternal personal love of God, as manifest in the character and work of Jesus Christ, and as applied to the thoughts, emotions and purposes of men by the personal agency of the Holy Spirit. As Dr. George A. Gordon says: "We must never forget that Christianity is first of all a doctrine of God, and then of God mediated by



the Son of God, and if we wish to see Christian civilization carried over the earth we must go to the root of the matter." And who but those who have gone to the root of the matter and have come forth with the scales struck from their eyes, are competent to lead the blind? And if they do not undertake to guide them into the light, by what means is their darkness to be dissipated? "How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe on Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" As regards the working out of the noblest destiny of the heathen, the Church, holding in trust the gospel for the nations, I verily believe, holds the key to the whole situation. She stands between the living and the dead, with one hand, so to speak, upon the Eternal Source of life, herself charged with its quickening currents, and with the other hand free to reach forth whithersoever she will to rescue the helpless and perishing. Like the angel at the sepulchre, her place is where death reigns, and her mission is to break every seal of pagan error and roll away every stone of ignorance and superstition, and so clear the way for a universal resurrection unto spiritual life and power, and immortal hope.

And do I need to remind you that in the prosecution of this noble task, the only instrument upon which the Church can safely rely for permanent success is the glorious Gospel of the blessed God? This is her dynamite for blasting, her trowel for building, her sword for slaying and her balm for healing. She has been put in trust with it because it is both efficient and sufficient. Nothing can take the place of the gospel. To attempt to substitute something else for it is a breach of trust. Even its rightful accessories should not be exalted into undue prominence. Art and science and philosophy, theological dogmas, educational agencies and ecclesiastical machinery all have their proper places, but we must not mistake the borrowed beauty of a few rainbows for the inherent splendor of the sun. Christ only is the Light of the world. All other lights, if worthy to be called lights at all, are simply his lesser lights. They shine only as they reflect the brightness of his glory. The Apostle Paul was careful to say, "Our exhortation was not of deceit"—was not an adroit blending or concealing of truth with error so as to make it pleasant to rebellious palates—"nor of uncleanness"—not emasculated by weak concessions to adapt it to the carnal preferences of heathen taste and Jewish prejudices—"nor in guile"—not with flattering speech, or spectacular display, or with enticing words of man's wisdom. He was entrusted with a message—"Christ, the wisdom of God and the power of God unto salvation"—a message which to the Jews was a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, and this message he delivered everywhere he went without apology and free from taint of corruption.

And shall we prove less true to our trust? Dare we muffle the Lord's trumpet, or cause it to give forth an uncertain sound? Dare we mix with the "good seed" just enough of the bad to adapt it to the wishes of those who really prefer "tares?" Talk of adapting the gospel so as to make it conform to modern ideas! Would it not be better to reverse the proposition?



Let us have better methods of applying it, if you will; but a new gospel? Never! Exchange the old scabbard for one of later style, if it should become necessary; but let us hold on to the old sword. Nothing like this tried and trusty old blade to lay bare the desperate wickedness of the human heart, and slay the man of sin. Nothing like it either to heal the ills and woes of sinning, suffering humanity everywhere. The one sufficient corrective of the world's disorders, the one true answer to all its deepest yearnings, is the gospel—the gospel of a living, loving, merciful God, mediated and manifested by the living, loving, suffering Christ, and applied to the souls of men by the personal agency of the Holy Spirit. And this gospel, “unfettered by ceremony, unmystified by philosophy, undiluted by human opinions, and undisfigured by human incrustations”—the Church of today is required to send or carry to as many as she can reach in this generation.

3. God has conditioned the filling up of that which is behind in the work of redemption upon the faithfulness of the Church to her trust. Will it startle you to be told, that notwithstanding the work of Christ on the cross, the descent of the Holy Spirit to abide in the Church forever, and the closing of the sacred Canon, the work of redemption is nevertheless still incomplete? There is at least one passage in which this fact is pretty clearly stated. In his Epistle to the Colossians, the Apostle Paul says: “I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, *and fill up that which is behind in the afflictions of Christ* in my flesh for His body's sake, which is the Church.” He here suggests that there is something behind in the sufferings of Christ which remains to be filled up, a sort of lack in the scheme of human salvation which even the cross left unsupplied. And he expressly states that this lack, this empty space in the circle of redeeming grace, He Himself helped to fill up by His own sufferings and sacrifices.

The work of redemption advances toward completeness by successive stages, and by the harmonious working together of certain divinely appointed agencies. The first link in the chain which connects the saving power of God with lost souls, is the atonement of His Son, which is the ground of salvation; the second is the Word of God, which is the instrument of salvation; the third is the Holy Spirit, whose office it is to apply the truth, and to convince of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. But whether taken separately, or all together these three links are insufficient to effect the purposes of redeeming grace. How can the cross plant itself, with its light and life, in the midst of those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death? What power has the gospel to propagate its message of mercy and hope for the benighted and lost? How can even the Holy Spirit, without a suitable channel of communication, lay hold of unregenerate hearts? Wonderful, indeed, is the grace which has brought salvation so near, but it is neither irreverent nor extravagant to say that this is not near enough to reach and restore lost and ruined sinners. Another link is needed. The atoning blood needs a mouthpiece to declare its wondrous efficacy; the gospel must have messengers to proclaim its glad tidings; and even the Holy Spirit requires a conductor for his quickening and regenerating energy.

And it has pleased God not to lay upon the angels the honor and responsibility of supplying this needed link. Desiring as they do to look into the mystery of redeeming grace, doubtless legions upon legions of them would, if allowed the privilege, fly forth through every land to fill up that which is behind in the afflictions of His Son. But unto us has been committed the ministry of reconciliation; unto us, whom He hath reconciled unto Himself by Jesus Christ, he hath committed the word of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, imputing not their trespasses unto them. History contains, perhaps, not a single instance of conversion independent of human instrumentality. Even Paul needed instruction from Ananias before the scales fell from his eyes. "I have long since ceased to pray," said the late Dr. Gordon, "Lord Jesus have compassion upon a lost world. I remember the day and hour when I seemed to hear the Lord rebuking me for making such a prayer. He seemed to say to me, "I have had compassion on a lost world, now it remains for you to have compassion. I have left you to fill up that which is behind in mine afflictions in the flesh for the body's sake, which is the Church. I have given my heart, give your hearts."

In the light of these facts, how solemn is our responsibility! How important, aye, how vital, the part require of us in fulfilling God's purposes concerning the salvation of the world. Who is to fill up that which is lacking? Who is to supply the connecting link between the saving power of God and a lost world? Who, indeed, but the preacher, the teacher, the loyal disciple, whose soul is fired with a passion for humanity because He Himself has been delivered from the bondage of sin? Who, but the humble believer who has himself tasted of the powers of the world to come? True, as some one has forcibly said, Christ alone can save the world, but He cannot save the world alone. That he has declared the world will be saved is assurance that it will be done. The word of God assures the work of God. But that he uses human agencies shows the progress of that work depends largely upon the efficiency of those agencies. Our relation to Christ and His work is such, that we may either weaken or stimulate, advance or retard the fulfillment of his saving purposes. If we are intelligent, prayerful, unselfish, faithful, and love souls, we will not only increase the efficiency of His chain of saving agencies, but add more and more to the length thereof, until it extends through every valley and over every mountain, stretches across every sea and encircles every continent. But if we are uninformed, indifferent, narrow and selfish, we will check the wheels of progress, and become as drift-wood and rubbish in the channels of communication between God and lost souls.

And is it not distressing to think that so many in the Church answer to this last description? How it must grieve the heart of the Son of God that so few of his professed followers have any real sympathy with Him in his travail for lost souls. Think of the stupendous display of grace by which he seeks to reach and save them! Think of the Fountain of the Water of Life, full to the brim, and adequate in quantity and power to rejuvenate the whole earth! And yet the human channels meant to convey it into every land, so

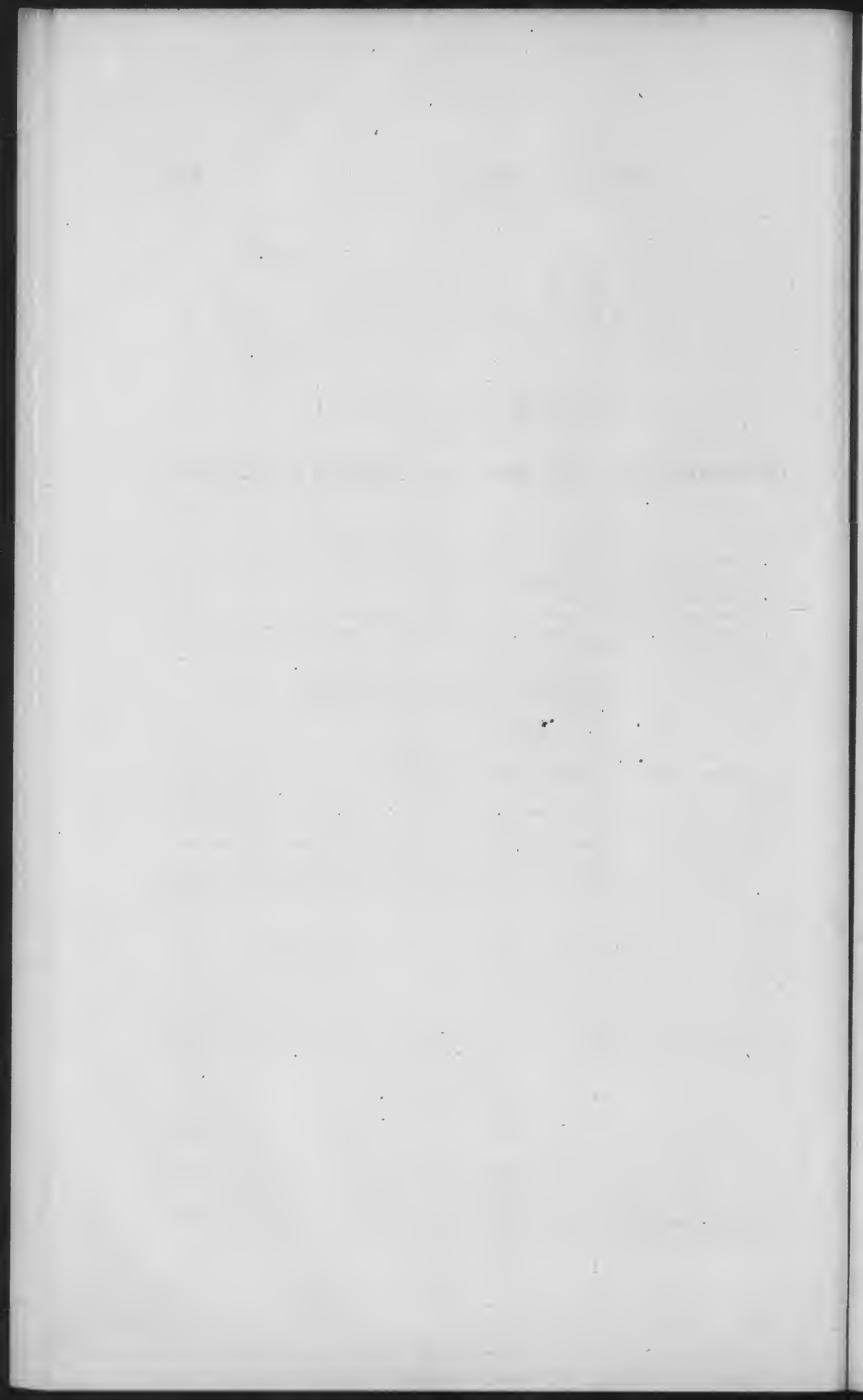
clogged by apathy, unbelief, worldliness, self-indulgence and the love of ease, that its refreshing currents have not sufficient outlet to satisfy and recover the thirsty and dying! A billion souls sitting amid the shadows of dying hopes and approaching doom, not because God does not love them or Christ did not die for them, but because the Church is so slow in fulfilling her sacred trust. O, ought we not to feel like hiding our faces in shame that we are practically making the cross of none effect in so many lands, because we are doing so little to connect its marvelous light and power with the benighted and lost! Only here and there a missionary prayer-meeting; but one or two sermons a year in our pulpits on missions; little or no effort to give instruction and stimulate interest in the subject; nine-tenths of us not giving a cent for foreign missions; and the hold Christian Church laying on the altar annually for the conversion of the heathen less than an average of forty cents per member. Meanwhile, the blessed Son of God, with tender gaze fixed upon a faltering, hesitating Church, waits, waits, waits to see the travail of His soul and be satisfied!

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## RULES OF ORDER

FOR THE

### GOVERNMENT OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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#### ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE.

1. Pastors shall send to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the certificate of election of the delegate or delegates to the Annual Conference immediately after the election of the same.

2. The Secretary shall make a list of the delegates so certified, omitting all contested cases; and this list, together with the list of the ministerial members, shall constitute the roll of Conference upon which the Conference shall organize.

#### OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

##### RULE I.

##### *Duties of the President.*

1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

2. Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.

3. Not allow improper personalities, nor reflections upon any religious communities.

4. Announce each person rising to speak, so soon as he shall have addressed the chair by declaring him "The minister from —," or "The delegate from —."

5. State a question sitting, but stand when the question is put and taken; also when he states a point of order; and also when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.

6. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken, unless there be a tie; but he may vote in case of ballot.

7. May call any member to the chair, when he wishes to participate in debate, or for other purposes; but such person shall not be entitled to the chair after adjournment.

##### RULE II.

##### *Duties of Secretary.*

1. To perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberate body.

2. Should the President not be in place at the hour of meeting, the Secretary, or in his absence one of his assistants shall announce the fact, and the Conference shall elect a chairman pro-tempore, and proceed to business.

3. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference, and be accountable for them.

4. Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.
5. Keep an accurate list of members of the Conference.
6. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of Conference, including all written resolutions, whether adopted or rejected, and the mover and seconder of all written resolutions.
7. Keep a list of business, on which he shall record all business brought before the Conference, and in the order of its presentation.
8. Keep a list of committees, on which he shall record, *First*, The standing committees, in the order of their arrangement in these rules; and *Second*, All other committees that may be appointed, and in the order of their appointment.
9. Keep a correct list of the Circuits and Stations, to be used as occasion may require.
10. Report to the Conference any unfinished business of the preceding annual session.
11. Be the Committee on the Publication of the Minutes.
12. Supply the pastors with blanks.

## COMMITTEES.

## RULE III.

All committees shall be appointed by the President, except otherwise directed in the Book of the Discipline, or by special vote of the Conference.

## RULE IV.

*Standing Committees.*

1. Finance—2 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
2. Itinerancy and Orders—The Faculty of Instruction.
3. Pulpit Services—3 Ministers.
4. Church Extension—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
5. Superannuates—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
6. Literature—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
7. Sabbath Schools—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
8. Temperance—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
9. Benevolent Agencies—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
10. Fraternal Relations—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
11. Official Character—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
12. Statistics—1 Minister, 1 Laymen.
13. Obituaries—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.
14. Education—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
15. Foreign Missions—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
16. President's Report—2 Minutes, 1 Laymen.
17. Sabbath Observance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
18. Committee on Credentials—1 Minister, 2 Laymen.
19. General Home Missions—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
20. Christian Endeavor Work—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
21. Publication of Minutes—The Secretary.

## RULE V.

Any person being a member of two committees, shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.

## MOTIONS.

## RULE VI.

Every motion shall be written, signed and read aloud by the mover, handed to the chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before any order can be taken

upon it by the Conference; except motions for amendment, to lie on the table, the previous question, or to adjourn.

RULE VII.

Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the proposed division.

RULE VIII.

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to commit, to substitute, to amend, or to make the order of the day; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand in this rule; the *first three* to be taken without debate; and the *first* always in order. But when the report of a committee has been under discussion, the motion to lay on the table shall not prevail until the chairman of the committee shall have been heard once on the subject, if he desires to speak.

RULE IX.

The question under discussion shall be put whenever a call for it is made by five brethren, and sustained by a majority of the Conference.

RULE X.

When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee, and to a standing committee, the question on reference to the standing committee shall be first put.

RULE XI.

No motion to commit, or to lie on the table, being decided, shall be again allowed, on the same day, at the same stage of the proposition.

RULE XII.

A motion, after it is seconded, is the property of the Conference, and the mover has no power to withdraw or have it amended, without leave.

RULE XIII.

No amendment shall be in order, further than an amendment to the amendment.

RULE XIV.

In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put. In balloting, blanks shall be rejected and not reported by the tellers.

DECORUM.

RULE XV.

When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the chair, "Brother President," and then pause until he is announced to the Conference; after which he may proceed, addressing the chair, and restricting his remarks to the subject before the Conference.

RULE XVI.

If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall determine which of them is entitled to the floor.

RULE XVII.

No interruption shall be allowed, while a member is addressing the chair, except a call to order by the President or by a member.

## RULE XVIII.

When a member is called to order, he shall take his seat immediately, and be silent, until the President or member who made the call shall state the rule of order supposed to be infringed; after which the member called to order shall have the right to explain, and the President shall decide.

## RULE XIX.

In deciding a question of order the President shall restrict himself to the rules of order, and any member declared to be out of order by the President, may, if he obtain a second, appeal to the Conference; the question, on such appeal shall be taken without debate; but the appellant may state the ground of his appeal. If the Conference sustain the chair, the member shall be allowed to proceed only in order.

## RULE XX.

No member shall speak oftener than twice to the same question, without special leave of Conference; nor longer than fifteen minutes at any one time, unless by the same special permission.

## RULE XXI.

No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in a previous speech, except in regular debate, unless the member replying thereto request it, or unless another member requests.

## RULE XXII.

Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of the subject under consideration.

## RULE XXIII.

Every member shall report at roll call of the first day's session, and be present at the daily sessions of Conference.

## RULE XXIV.

After the affirmative of a question has been put, any member who has not spoken before to the question may rise and speak before the negative is put.

## RULE XXV.

A member may change his vote at any time before the Chair announces the decision of the question.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

## RULE XXVI.

At 9 o'clock A. M., on the day to which the Conference adjourned from the last annual session, the President shall open the Conference by reading a portion of the Word of God, singing and prayer.

## RULE XXVII.

1. Examination of the President. The President shall call another minister to the chair and read his annual report. The Chairman shall then address the Conference thus: "Brethren, you have heard the report of the President; shall his character pass?" In case of any charge against the official character of the President, it shall be handed to the Standing District Committee, and the chairman of that committee shall answer the question, "Shall his character pass?"

2. Roll Call. The roll shall then be called, including the Dead Roll. In the event of the death of any member of this Conference, the President shall appoint some member to formally announce the fact to the Conference, and

such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the calling of the Conference Roll; and the name shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Dead Roll by the Secretary in the presence of the Conference, and when the name is reached on the Dead Roll, an order of the day shall be named for memorial services for the deceased.

**RULE XXVIII.**

At 11 o'clock, on the first day of each session of the Annual Conference, the President, or a substitute appointed by him, shall preach a sermon on Foreign Missions.

**RULE XXIX.**

At two-and-a-half o'clock P. M., on the first day of the session, the officers of the Conference shall be elected by ballot, as follows: 1. President; 2. Secretary; 3. Conference Steward; 4. Church Extension Steward; 5. Superannuated Fund Steward; 6. Foreign Missionary Steward; 7. General Home Missionary Steward; 8. Educational Steward 9.—The Board of Stewards elected at one session to serve the following session of Conference, and the Conference Steward to appoint an assistant.—Standing District Committee, consisting of three elders, one of whom must be unstationed, and three laymen; 10. Committee of Appeals, three ministers and three laymen.

**RULE XXX.**

**Examination of Official Character.** The roll shall be called, and the pastors shall deposit their reports, and the collections prescribed by the Conference, each in a sealed envelope, upon which shall be marked the amount, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor, and the name of the charge, in the box of the Conference Steward. The reports and charges against official character shall be handed to the Committee on Official Character. Pastors whose official reports are defective in any point shall be summoned before the committee to explain, and only those cases in which explanation may be unsatisfactory to the committee shall be reported to the Conference; and the characters of all ministers whose names are not reported shall be considered passed.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DIURNAL SESSION.****RULE XXXI.**

The Conference shall be opened each day by reading the Scriptures, singing a hymn, and prayer.

**RULE XXXII.**

The reading of the Minutes of the preceding day for correction shall be first in order.

**RULE XXXIII.**

The President shall then announce that it is in order for delegates to present any business from the churches they represent; when any delegate upon recognition by the chair may present any business, and it shall be recorded without debate on the list of business.

**RULE XXXIV.**

The business next in order shall be the Reports of Committees, called for in the order in which they stand on the List of Committees. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.

**RULE XXXV.**

When any business is laid before the Conference it may be made the order of the day for any other day of the session, and at a specific hour.

## RULE XXXVI.

Unfinished business from the last annual session shall have precedence of all business except the order of the day.

## RULE XXXVII.

Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it stands on the List of Business.

## RULE XXXVIII.

When any business is taken into consideration, it shall not be interrupted by any other business except the order of the day, or by adjournment.

## RULE XXXIX.

When there are present Fraternal Messengers and other visitors to whom the courtesy of formal recognition is due, the Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations shall quietly inform the President; whereupon the President may request the visitors to be brought to him, to be by him introduced to Conference, either at that time, or when the state of business may with more propriety be arrested.

## RULES OF ADMINISTRATION.

*Duties of the President.*

1. The President shall appoint the speakers who shall address the Superannuated Fund and Church Extension Societies at the ensuing Annual Conference; and Friday and Monday evenings are set apart for the public meetings, the anniversaries to alternate in the order of their occurrence. The President of Conference Christian Endeavor Union shall appoint speakers for the Annual Rally on Thursday evening.

2. The office of stationing the ministers and preachers is committed to the hands of the President of the Conference.

3. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical report for all charges unsupplied.

4. In the event of the death of any ministerial member, the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

5. The failure of the President to visit any charge does not vitiate his right to the amount assessed for his salary.

6. The President shall represent the general interests of the Conference, and shall present their claims in such a manner and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary.

## DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

1. The Conference Steward, Church Extension Steward, Superannuated Fund Steward, Foreign Missionary Steward, General Home Missionary Steward and Educational Steward shall constitute a Conference Board of Stewards to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from pastors.

2. The Board of Stewards shall meet immediately after their election and open the envelopes containing the various collections, count the money enclosed, noting its agreement with the statement of the official report, and on the envelope, and prepare a report of collections to the Conference. The money in hand shall then be passed to the persons designated by the Conference to receive it, and the Reports to the Committee on Official Reports.

3. Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed and reported upon separately as now.



DUTIES OF PASTORS.

1. The pastor shall seek the co-operation of the Stewards in collecting the assessments made by the Annual Conference; admonishing them of their duty in this matter as contained in the Discipline, under the head of "Duties of Stewards," pp. 116-17.

2. It is the duty of pastors to examine and see that suitable deeds be had for all churches, so as to secure them to the Methodist Protestant Church, and, wherever possible, have them incorporated.

3. Pastors are required to apportion the President's salary equitably among the several appointments, and use their utmost endeavors to collect the same before the annual visit of the President.

4. Pastors are required to see that the families belonging to their respective charges are duly supplied with the Catechism of our Church.

5. Pastors are instructed to ascertain of those received into the church whether they have been baptized, and if not, to administer the ordinances of baptism without unnecessary delay.

6. Every pastor is required to do his utmost to collect the full amount of the assessments made upon his charge, whatever may be the difficulties that he may encounter.

7. It is the duty of the pastor to preside on the trial of an accused unstationed minister or preacher.

8. Pastors are required to report to the Annual Conference the amounts contributed to Foreign Missions by the auxiliaries of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, and due credit shall be given in the Minutes.

EXPENSES OF CONFERENCE.

The churches shall be assessed in a sum sufficient to meet the incidental expenses, including the publication of the Minutes; each church receiving Minutes in proportion to the amount contributed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

The Conference shall be opened by reading a portion of the Word of God and prayer, after which the business shall proceed in the following order:

1. Call the roll, noting those present and absent.
2. Read minutes of last meeting.
3. Make necessary corrections in official list.
4. Consider objections to official character.
5. At first Quarterly Conference elect a Secretary, an Advisory Committee and Committee on Examinations.
6. Hear reports—
  1. From pastor and associates.
  2. From supernuaries.
  3. From unstationed ministers, preachers and exhorters.
  4. From class leaders, S. S. superintendents and presidents of C. E. societies.
  5. From trustees and stewards.
7. Hear and decide on appeals.
8. Inquire faithfully whether candidates for exhorter's and preacher's license, for itinerancy and orders, pursue the prescribed course of study and reading.
9. Grant and renew licenses.
10. Recommend to Board of Ministerial Education.
11. Recommend for orders and itinerancy.
12. Consider applications of ministers and preachers who desire to become members of this Quarterly Conference.
13. Hear suggestions from Advisory Committee.
14. Inquire why church property is not insured.



15. Incidental business.
16. Fix place for next Quarterly Conference.
17. Adjourn with benediction.

#### SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY.

1st. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be entitled to vote in all cases.

2d. All members in full communion and fellowship shall have the right to vote in the election of their class-leaders; and those who have attained the age of twenty-one years shall be "qualified members" for the purposes indicated in Section 3 of Article IV., of Constitution, and in divisions 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," found on pages 114 and 115 of Discipline.

3d. Every minister, preacher and lay male member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-five years, shall be eligible as a representative in the General Conference.

4th. Every member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible as a Steward, Class-Leader and Sunday-school Superintendent, and every male member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible as a Trustee and Delegate to the Annual Conference.

5th. No minister shall be eligible to the office of President of the Annual Conference until he shall have faithfully exercised the office of Elder two years.

#### ADMINISTERING ORDINANCES.

No person, in virtue merely of a license to preach, or even election to orders, is empowered to administer, or assist in administering the Christian ordinances.

#### UNSTATIONED MINISTERS.

The Conference will not recognize as a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church any man who does not bring credentials from some other orthodox denomination, or who has not received suitable testimonials of ministerial character from our own Church. In returning the list of ministers and preachers, pastors shall name no person who does not possess the foregoing qualifications.

#### LOTTERIES.

The practice of raising funds for church purposes, by means of lotteries and other games of hazard, is disapproved by the Conference, and pastors are enjoined to discountenance their use.

#### MORTGAGING CHURCH PROPERTY.

The placing of mortgages upon church property, for the purpose, directly or indirectly, of paying the pastor's salary, is so far as it has authority, disallowed by the Conference.

#### OBITUARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the Committee, appointed in accordance with the rule of Conference, to prepare an obituary, without delay, containing a notice of the place and date of the birth of the brother, the date of his conversion, receiving license to preach, and his reception into the Conference, together with any other important facts connected with his history which their judgment may dictate, in addition to the particulars of his death, and said obituary shall at once be forwarded to *The Methodist Protestant* for publication, and be reported to the ensuing session of Conference.

2. Every ministerial member of this Conference is hereby requested to

make and keep by him a record of his nativity, and of all the prominent acts in his Christian and ministerial history.

3. The obituaries of wives and widows of the ministerial members of the Conference shall also be published in the Minutes.

#### MOTIONS TO FIX TIME AND PLACE.

All motions to fix time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

#### MARRIAGES.

The Conference cannot encourage any of its members to expect support as married men until they shall have served at least four years in the itinerancy.

#### CAMP MEETINGS.

Camp-Meetings shall have the sanction of Conference and receive ministerial aid from it on the following conditions:

1. There shall be no traffic on the Lord's day on the camp-ground, or the adjacent territory protected by the laws of the State.

2. The managers or other officers of the camp-meeting shall not bargain for or receive any portion of the money paid to railroads, or to the owner or owners of any conveyance or conveyances, as a consideration for conveying persons to the camp-ground, or the vicinity thereof on the Lord's day.

3. Faithful efforts shall be made by the official members of the church, and all persons having authority at camp-meetings, to maintain the due observance of the Lord's day.

4. No advertisement of the running of trains on the Lord's day shall be made by any of the persons referred to in the preceding paragraphs, nor shall anything be done by their authority or solicitation to contravene the foregoing regulations.

5. Quarterly Conferences, or associations recognized by this Conference, shall deliver to the President, at least four weeks before the time appointed for said meetings, a written pledge, duly attested, that the foregoing regulations shall be observed in good faith.

6. The President shall have no authority to assign ministers for service at camp-meetings, until he shall have received the written pledge as above described; nor shall any camp-meeting held in contravention of these regulations be recognized as a camp-meeting of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Any minister who shall violate the above Rules shall be called before the Conference to make explanation, and if his explanation is not regarded satisfactory, his official character shall not pass.

#### MISSIONARY REGULATIONS.

1. Contributions for Church Extension shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Extension Society, that he may disburse the funds to the missionaries according to their various claims.

2. Pastors are instructed to have the Church Extension collections in the hands of the Treasurer by the end of the second quarter of the Conference year.

3. The Committee on Church Extension shall ascertain what amount of funds may be regarded as available for church extension purposes the ensuing year.

4. Appropriations shall not exceed the amount which may reasonably be expected from collections and interest on legacies.

5. The Church Extension Society of this Conference shall elect seven Trustees for each mission, who shall hold all the property on our mission fields in trust for said Society, and yearly thereafter select a new Board of Trustees as long as the mission relation is sustained. But whenever the mission shall become a circuit or station, the "qualified members," at a meeting

regularly called for the purpose, shall have the power to elect their own trustees, to whom the Trustees appointed by the Church Extension Society shall surrender the church property, together with the books, papers, or other valuables held by them as Trustees.

6. When any number of the members of any of our missions shall through disaffection, or from other causes, form themselves into classes, withholding themselves from the means of grace, or suffer themselves to be led by those who refuse to attend the official meetings of the church, or shall in any other way walk disorderly, on a charge being brought against such person or persons, the missionary shall see that the accused are tried according to Discipline trial of members. But should the class, of which the accused is a member, refuse or neglect to select two of their number to serve on the committee of trial, then the missionary shall fill the committee by having them selected from any other class in the mission, or from an adjoining station or circuit, as he may think proper; and should the accused be found guilty, he, she or they shall be suspended or expelled, as the committee may direct. And should the entire mission become refractory, the missionary shall be authorized to select them according to the provision of the Discipline for trial of churches; *provided, however*, that the person convicted shall in this, and in all cases where the trial is by jury, have an appeal to the Quarterly Conference of the church from which the committee of trial is selected, at the session next ensuing, whose decision shall be final.

7. Missions shall hold Quarterly Conferences.

8. When a charge is preferred against any member of the church, the missionary shall see that the accused is tried in accordance with the regulations of the Discipline for the trial of members.

9. Any mission having a missionary, shall be entitled to one delegate to the Annual Conference, provided the missionary have a seat, who shall be elected by the qualified members of the mission, at least two weeks preceding the session of the Annual Conference.

10. No member of the Methodist Protestant Church shall hold membership in a mission and station at the same time.

11. Until a class is formed in a mission, the missionary shall have authority to receive probationers into full membership.

12. The missionary in charge is invested with authority to receive or reject applicants for membership, as he in his judgment may deem most conducive to the welfare of the mission.

13. When a mission becomes a circuit or station, the property must be so transferred to the trustees elected by the qualified members, as to secure it to the Methodist Protestant Church.

14. The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society is empowered to appoint or dismiss trustees in missions during the recess of Conference.

15. All qualified members shall be entitled to vote for stewards in missions.

16. The Society shall pay the travelling expenses of such members of the Board of Managers as do not reside in the city.

17. The Board of Managers has full power to act on all matters pertaining to the Church Extension Society in the interim of Conference.

#### SUPERANNUATED FUND REGULATIONS.

1. The Committee on Superannuated Claimants shall report to Conference all those names which, in its judgment, properly belong to the Superannuated list.

2. The two interests, the collections for Superannuates and the interest on the Superannuated Fund, are blended, and the committee is instructed to act accordingly.

3. The committee in making appropriations, shall be governed by the ascertained probable resources of the Conference; they shall discriminate ac-

cording to the comparative claims of the several recipients, taking into considerations: 1. The time of service in the Conference; 2. The value of said service to the Conference; 3. The size of family; 4. The peculiarities of location, &c.; 5. Ability to contribute to self-support by business capacity or private income.

4. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund shall disburse all moneys coming from the Superannuated Fund Society.

5. When the committee shall have completed its report it shall be read to the Conference twenty-four hours before final action thereon, during which time objections to the report must be filed before the committee.

6. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund holds his office from the time of election until his successor is elected, and he is authorized to receive and distribute collections lifted for this fund at any time during the year.

7. The Steward shall make a semi-annual distribution of the funds coming from the Superannuated Fund Society, provided the Treasurer of said Society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.

8. Every pastor is requested to bring to each session of the Annual Conference at least \$5, in addition to the Superannuated Collection, to assist any persons who may be placed on the Superannuated List at that session.

9. The Corresponding Secretary of the Superannuated Fund Society shall furnish Superannuated Claimants with blanks containing the following questions, a neglect to answer which shall deprive the claimant of any portion in the distribution of said fund for the year:

1. What is your present place of residence? Postoffice address?
2. Do you desire a superannuated relation the ensuing year?
3. What is the number of your family? Ages of your children respectively?
4. In what business are you now engaged? How much does its product fall short of yielding you a necessary support? What is the amount of your private income from all sources?
5. What is the assessed value of the real estate owned by you?
6. Do you attend our church? If not, why not?
7. Do your children attend our Sabbath-school? If not, why not?